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PRODUCTION REPORT 4: BAD GUYS

ALIEN N ISN'T THAT GOOD AT THINKING UP BAD GUYS, SO I TAKE CARE OF THAT. THAT'S WHERE MOST OF THE FUN IS, ACTUALLY. TOO BAD I HAVE TO SCRAP THE REALLY EVIL IDEAS, SINCE THEY WOULDN'T BE ALLOWED IN THE MAGAZINE. I OFTEN GET ASKED WHICH CHARACTER I RESEMBLE THE MOST, PERSONALITY-WISE. I'D HAVE TO SAY I'M A LOT LIKE MY BAD GUYS—ALL OF 'EM COMBINED, INCLUDING ONES THAT HAVE YET TO BE INTRODUCED. OF COURSE, I DON'T ACT LIKE THEM—I REALLY HATE THE IDEA OF GETTING ARRESTED.

—YOSHIHIRO TOGASHI, 1992

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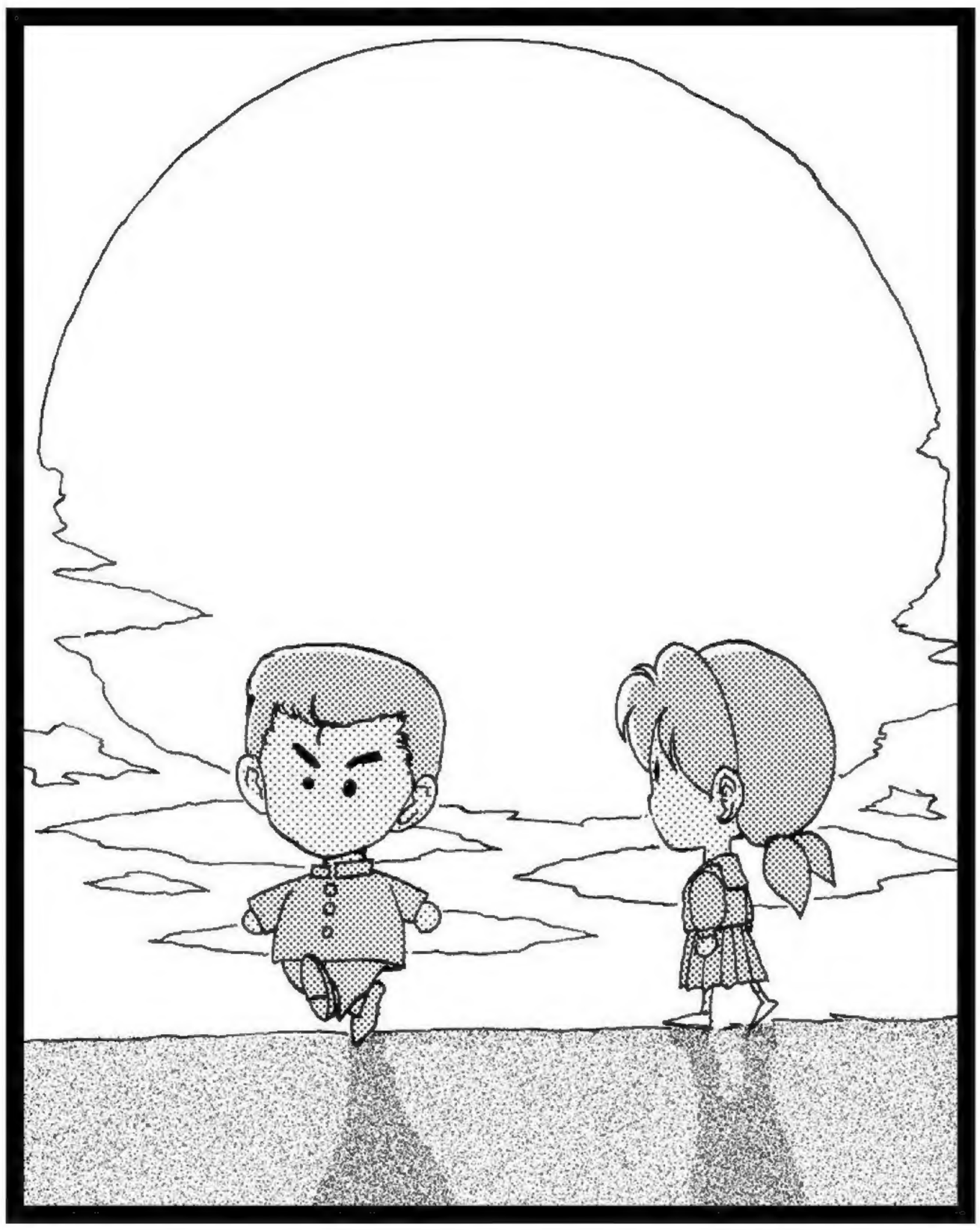

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Cast of Characters

Hiei
A thief with abilities enhanced by the Evil Eye.

Kurama
A former fox demon. Suppressing his demonic powers, he now lives in human society.

Yusuke Urameshi, our hapless hero, was hit by a car while trying to save a kid and became a ghost. Triumphing over a number of ordeals set before him by King Enma, he earned another shot at life, and now works as an Underworld Detective—a job that, along with being human, does not make him popular with demonkind.

Yusuke and friends have been "invited" to compete in the Dark Tournament, where they've managed—by razor-thin margins—to defeat the Jolly Devil Six and Dr. Ichigaki's Team. They've almost made it through the third round against the Shadow Channelers, but things look rather dicey!!

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AN UNEXPECTED DEFEAT?!

6!

5!

FOR GOOD? IF NOT...

IS HE DOWN?

WOBBLE

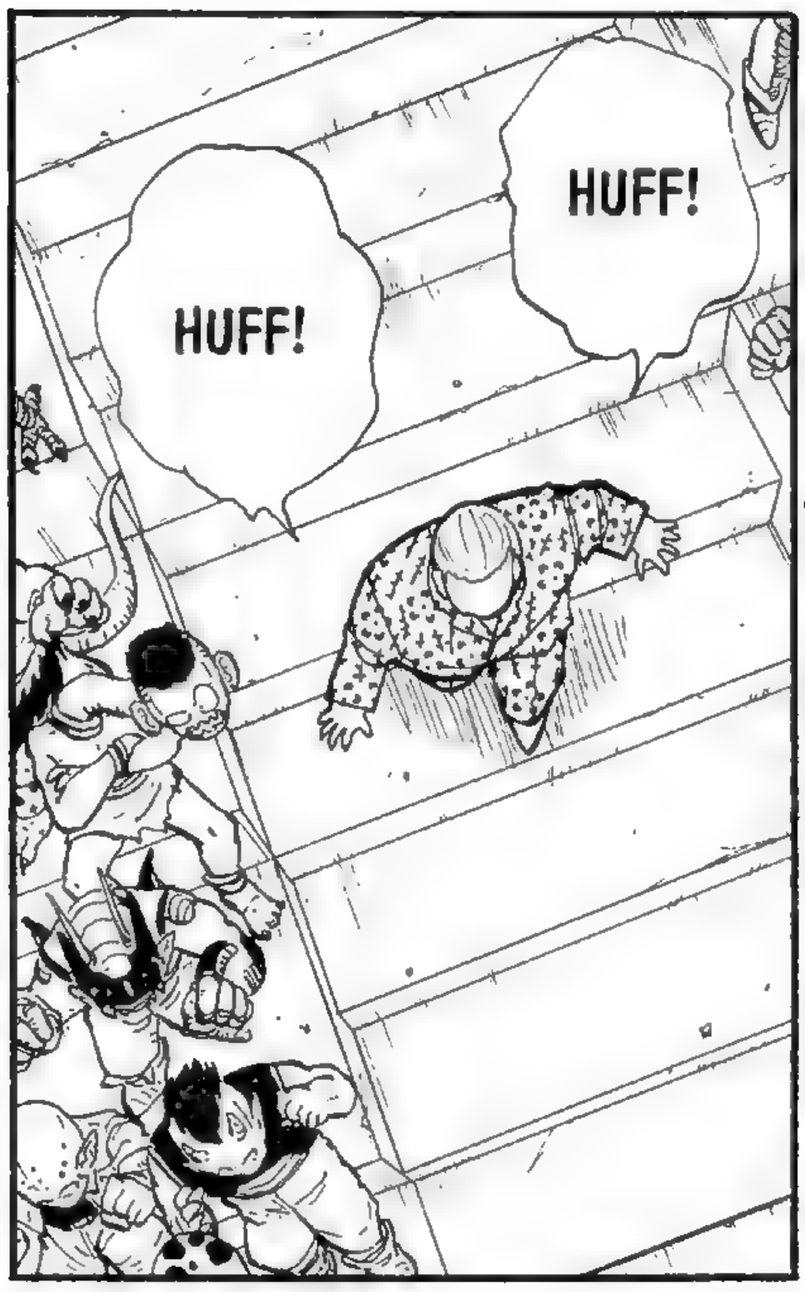
...I'M READY! YEAH, SURE I AM!!

FLOOG

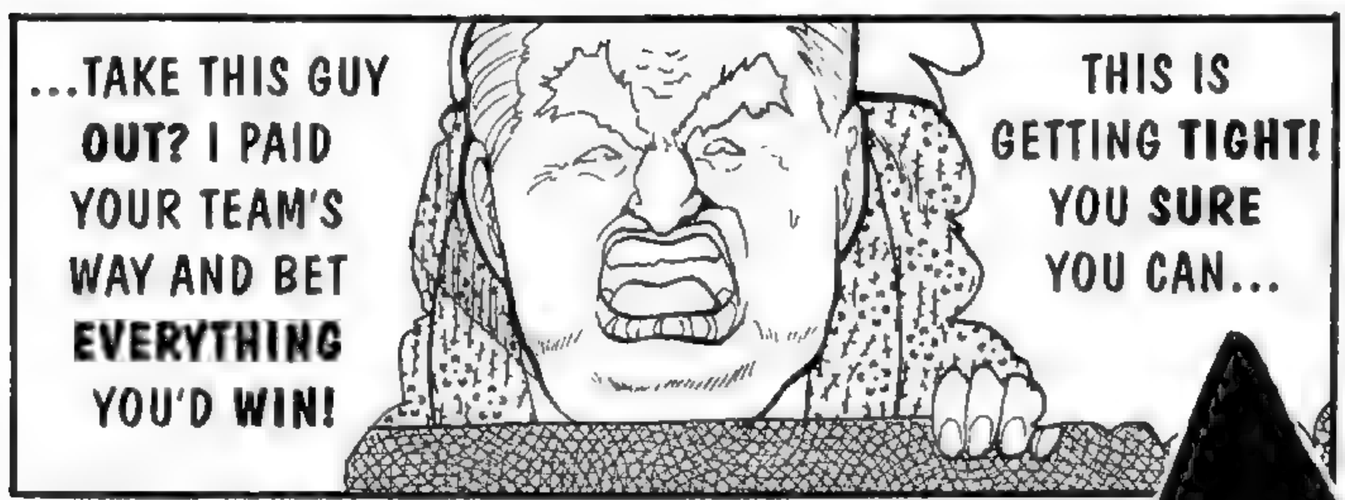
YII !

Y'ALMOST... KNOCKED ME...
NOW THAT WAS A PUNCH!!
10!!
THUMP
RAZZ

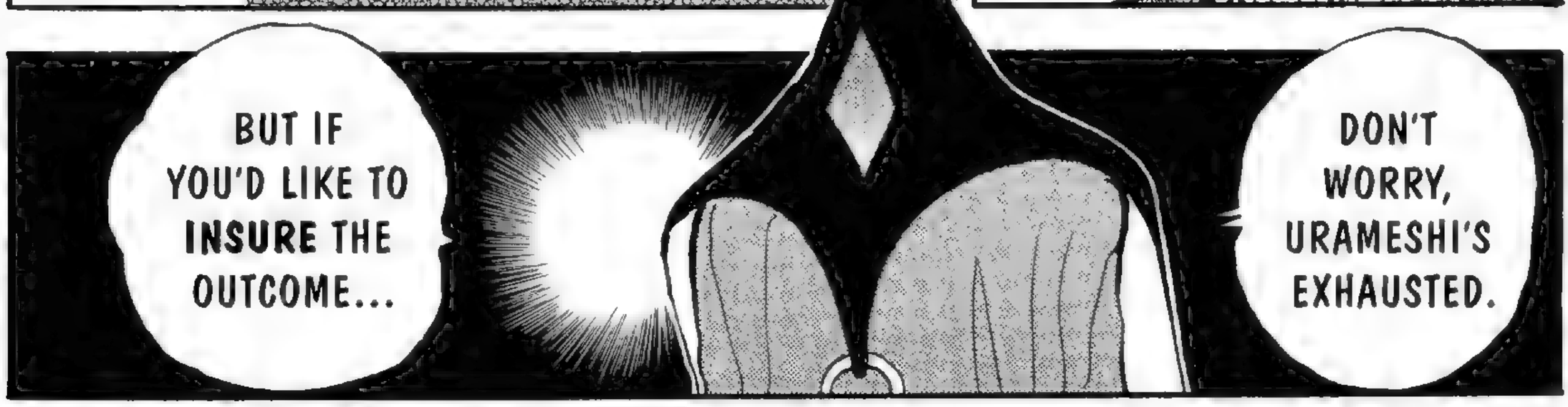
THE COUNT IS OVER!! URAMESHI WINS!!
BOOO
RAAA
AN UNEXPECTED DEFEAT?!


HUFF!
HUFF!

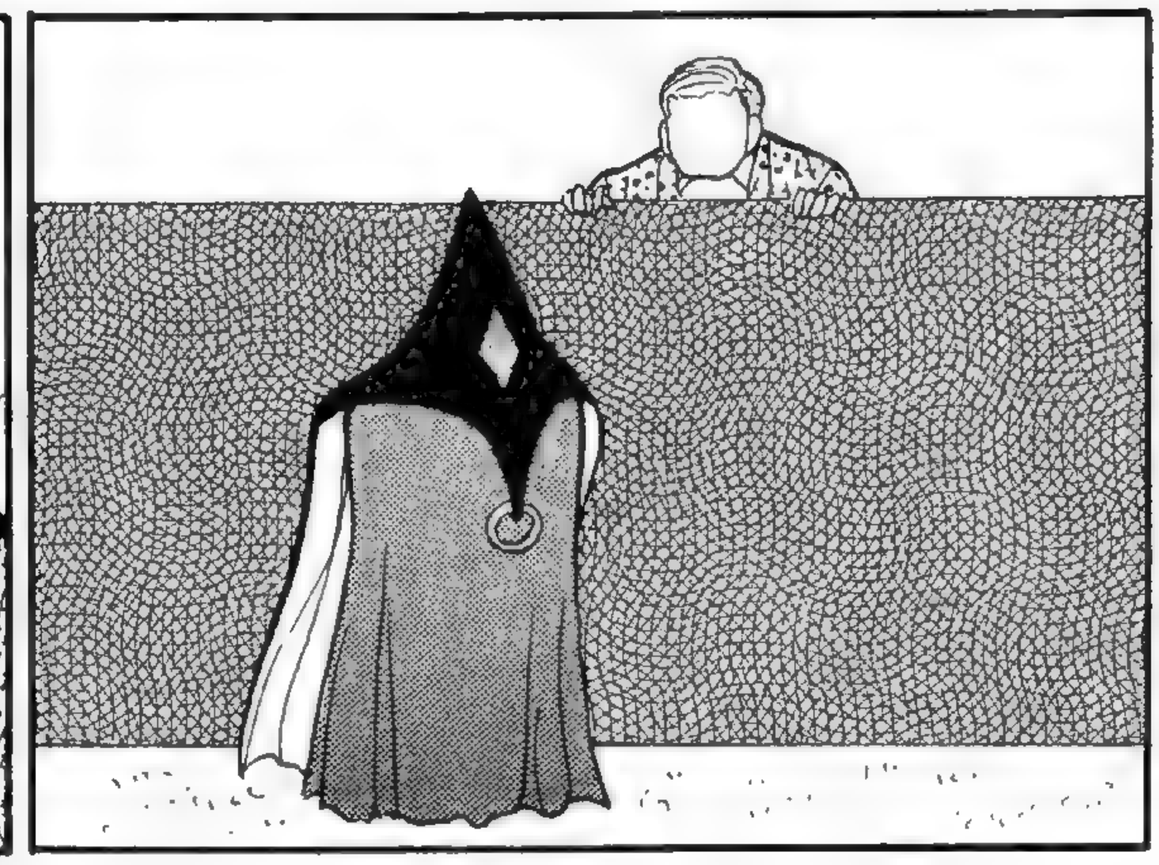
THAT'S PITIFUL! PATHETIC!!
THE SHADOW CHANNELERS ARE DOWN TO ONE!


...TAKE THIS GUY OUT? I PAID YOUR TEAM'S WAY AND BET EVERYTHING YOU'D WIN!
THIS IS GETTING TIGHT! YOU SURE YOU CAN...

HEY, RISHO!


BUT IF YOU'D LIKE TO INSURE THE OUTCOME...
DON'T WORRY, URAMESHI'S EXHAUSTED.

I'LL GO MAKE THE ARRANGE-MENTS!!
HEH HEH... YEAH, I LIKE IT.

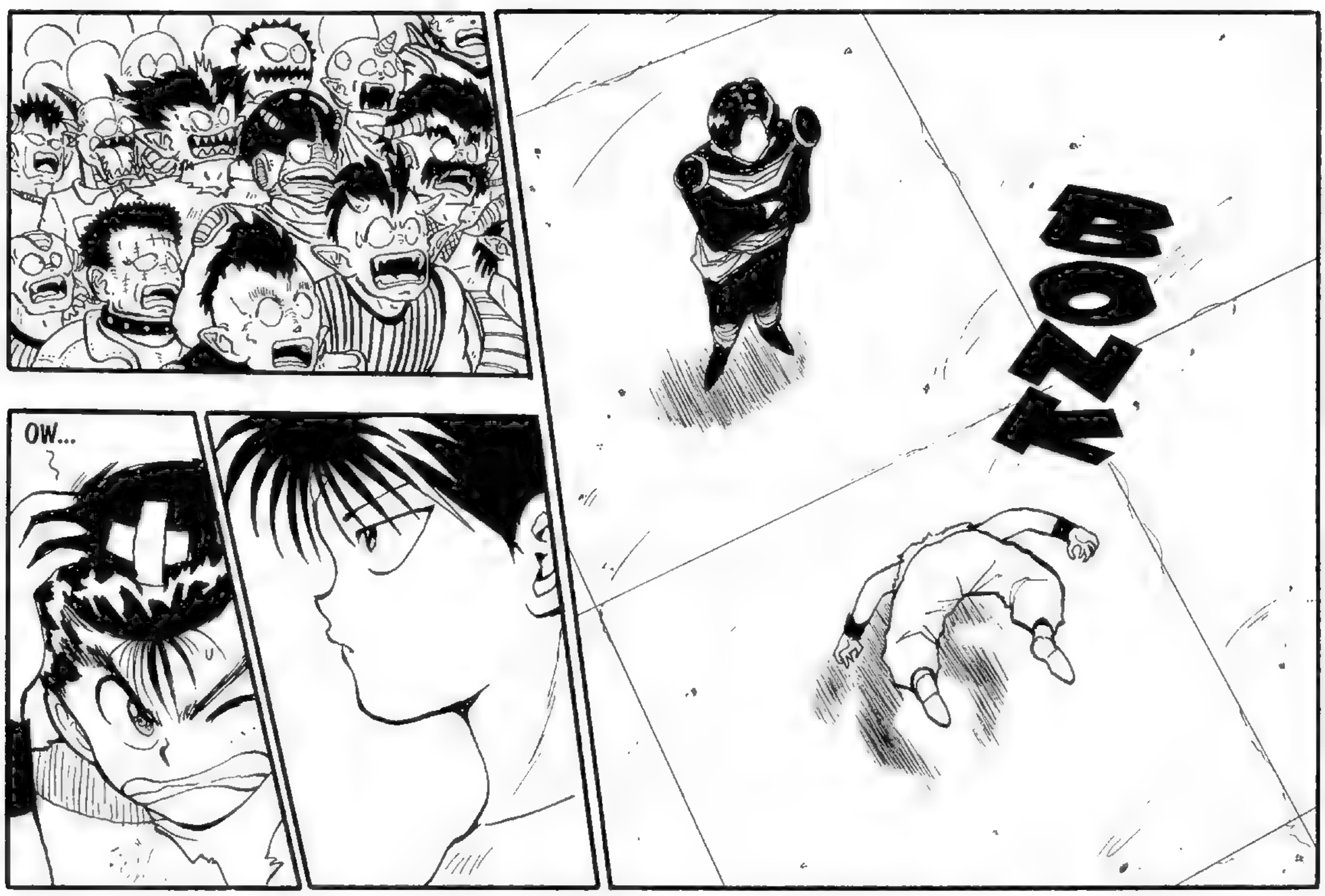


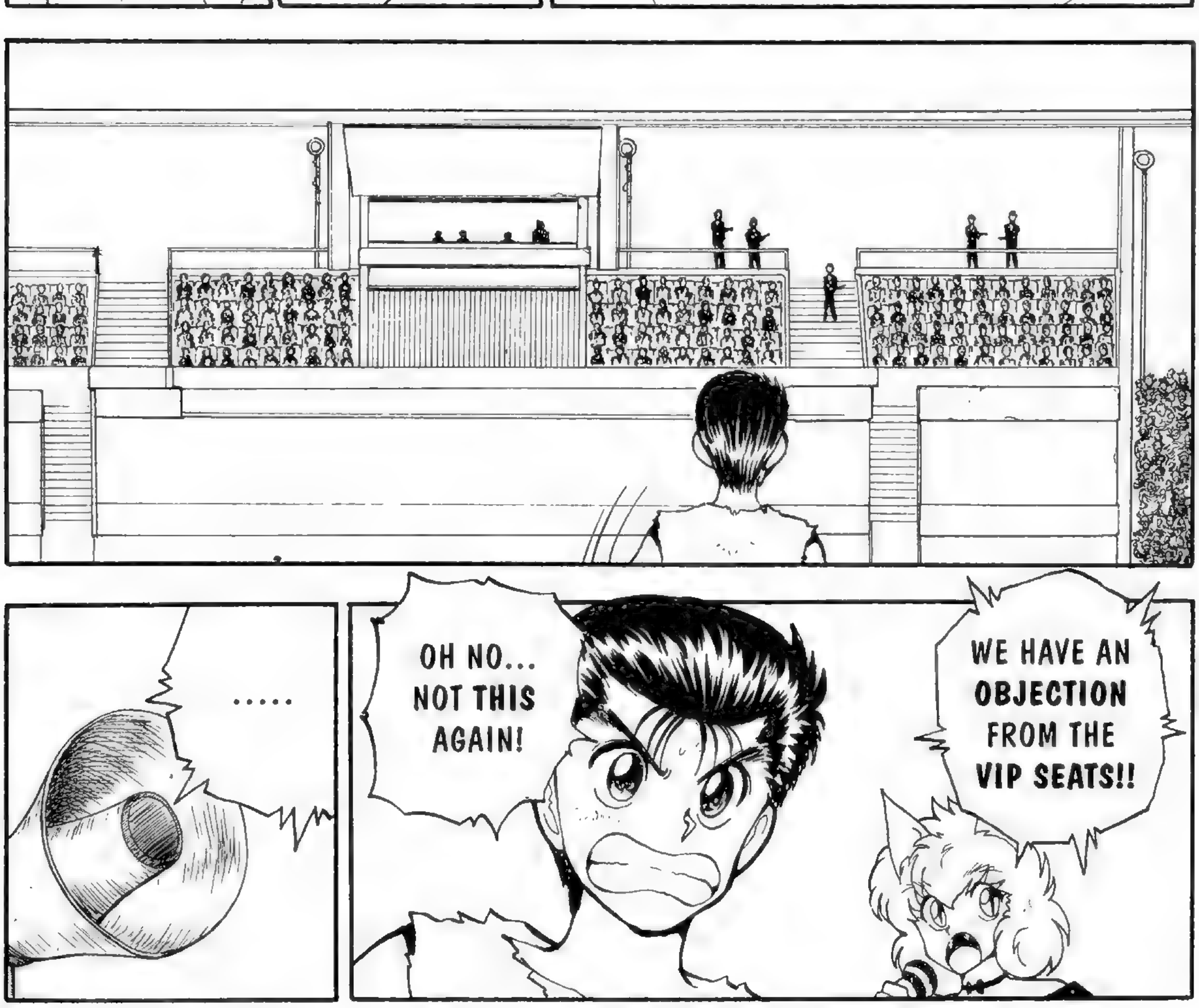
SHUFF
NEXT CONTENDER, STEP FORWARD!!
PERMIT ME TO PREDICT ...
PUPPET NOSE
SAY WHAT?
...THAT YOU WILL LOSE WITHOUT TOUCHING ME.

LET'S CHALLENGE THAT PREDICTION !!

BEGIN !!

STOP THE MATCH!!


BOZU
OW...


.....
OH NO... NOT THIS AGAIN!
WE HAVE AN OBJECTION FROM THE VIP SEATS!!

HEH HEH...
...THE REFEREE DID NOT PROCEED WITH THE COUNT AT THE REGULATION PACE! IN SHORT, SHE WAS SLOW!
IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT WHEN URAMESHI FELL OUT OF BOUNDS IN THE PREVIOUS MATCH...
COUNT TOO SLOW ?!
HUH? ME?!
AFTER CONSIDERING THE MATTER...
MURMUR
...THE COMMITTEE HAS RULED THE MATCH BETWEEN URAMESHI AND JIN A DRAW!!

BOTH OF 'EM RULED OUT OF BOUNDS?

BOM BOM

DIDYA GET THAT?

YEAH! AND WITH HIEI AND THE MASKED FIGHTER...

SO URAMESHI'S BEEN ELIMINATED ?

NOPE... 'BOUT RIGHT, I THOUGHT ...

DID THE COUNT SEEM SLOW T'YOU?

BUZZ BUZZ

IF THAT'S SO, THEN...

...TEAM URAMESHI HAS LOST?

...AND THAT'S RISHO!

...OUT OF THE RUNNING, THERE'S ONLY ONE GUY LEFT...

HIEI, HOWEVER, HAS FIRED UP HIS BATTLE AURA.

BUZZ

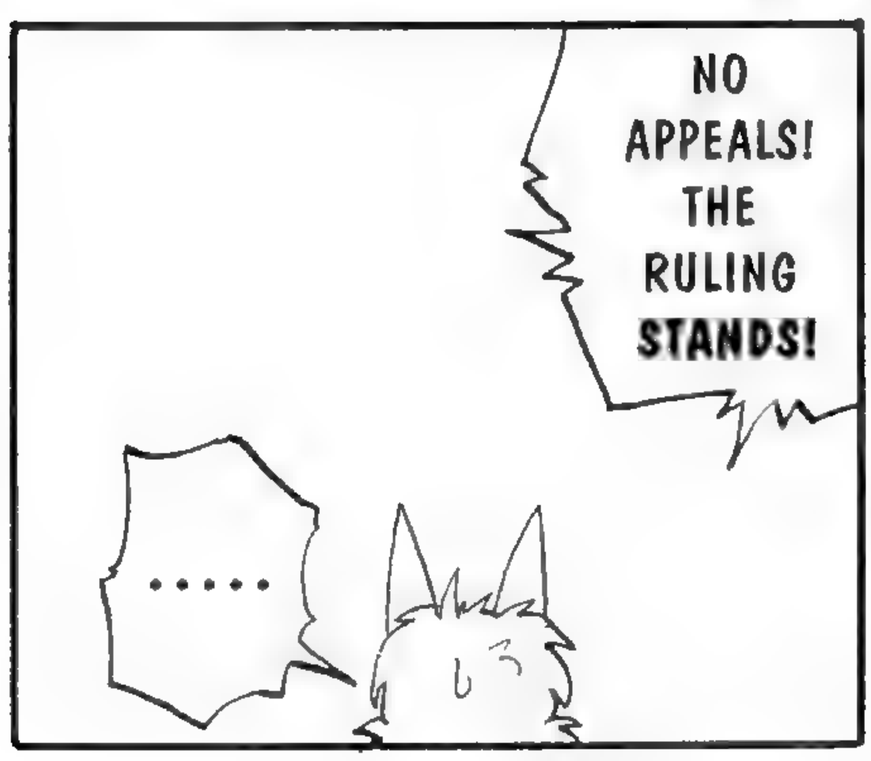
THAT'S RIGHT!! THEY LOST!!

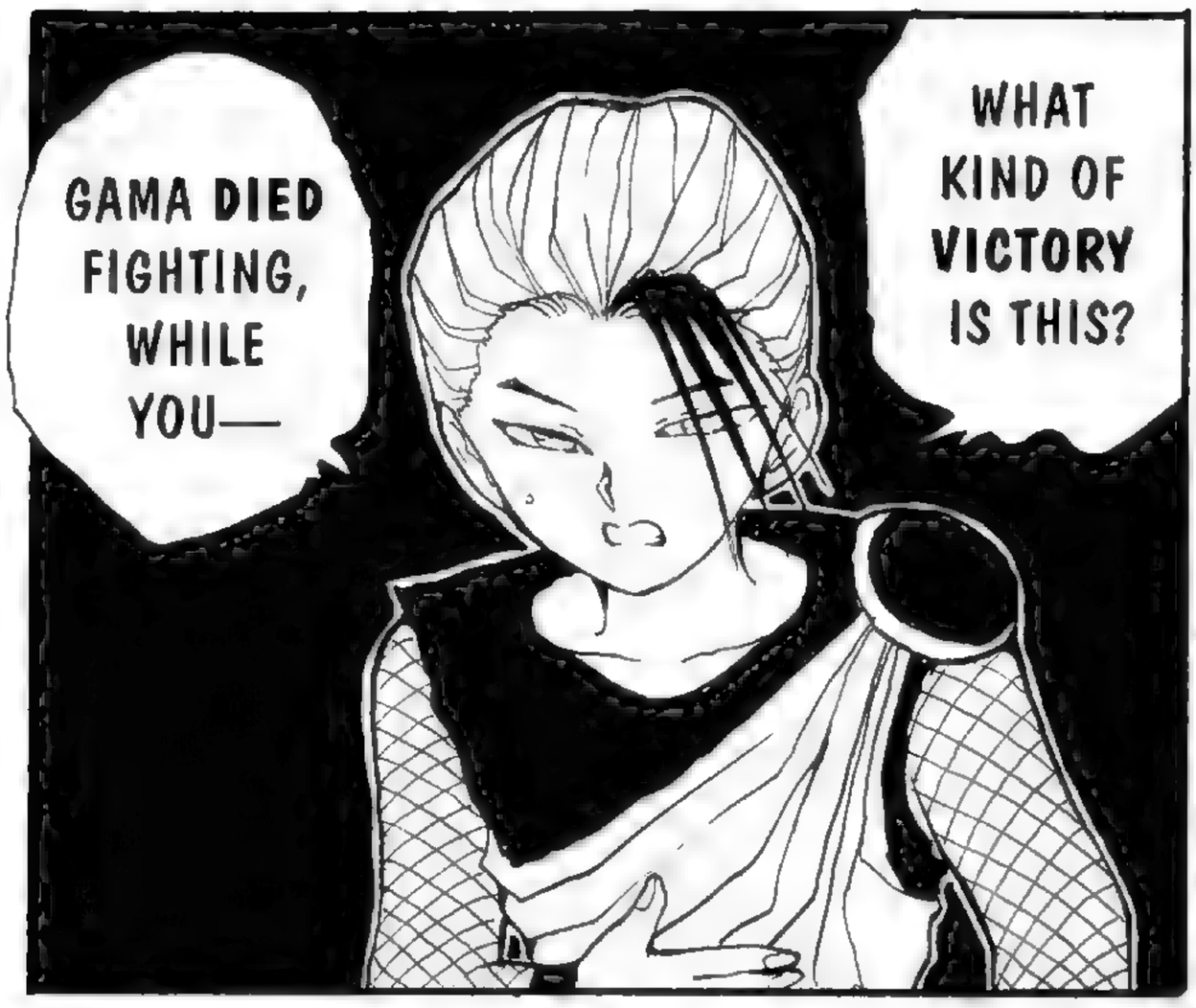
NATTER NATTER

...TEAM URAMESHI HAS LOST?

BUZZ

BUZZ




GAMA DIED FIGHTING, WHILE YOU—
WHAT KIND OF VICTORY IS THIS?

RISHO!

WE'RE HERE TO WIN, PERIOD. AND THE BEST WAY TO WIN IS WITH THE LEAST AMOUNT OF EFFORT AND BLOODSHED.
THIS DOESN'T SUIT YOU? WHAT A SHAME.

.....
GRR...
SWUH

YOU HEARD THE DECISION! ANNOUNCE IT!
OR SHALL WE EJECT YOU AND GET A NEW REFEREE?
SHUFF

UNH...

SNIFF

...THAN EARN 'EM, HUH? WHAT A WIMP!
SO YOU'D RATHER HAVE THINGS HANDED TO YOU...

THEY CLEARLY DON'T RESPECT THE RULES...
AS YOU SEE, THIS TOURNA-MENT'S A SORRY JOKE.

LET IT GO, YUSUKE.

HMPH ...

LET THE **STRONG** SURVIVE, NO HOLDS BARRED!

...SO WE'LL MAKE THEM RESPECT **US!**

DROOM

...I'M FED UP WITH THIS CRAP, TOO!

YOU'RE RIGHT, HIEI...

...THE **POWER TO BACK IT UP!** I CAN'T **HOLD** HIM!!

HE'S NOT KIDDING!! AND HE'S GOT...

YIKES!

MUCH AS I **HATE** TO SAY THIS...TEAM URAMESHI IS **OUT OF CONTENTION!** THE SHADOW CHANNELERS ARE...

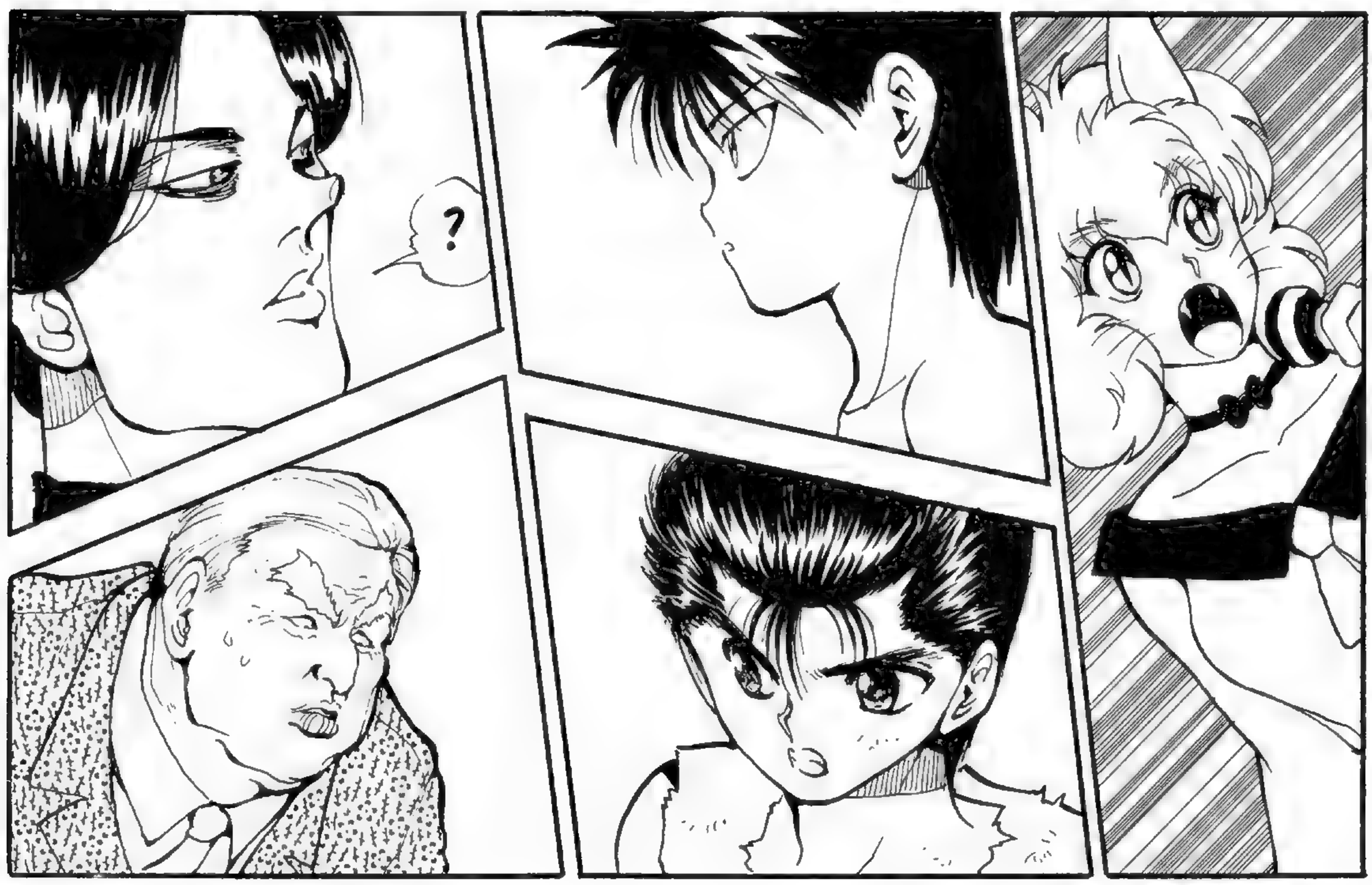
.....

HEY... THIS SOUNDS **GOOD!!**

THESE GUYS WANT **MAYHEM ?!**

WE'LL GIVE 'EM MAYHEM !!

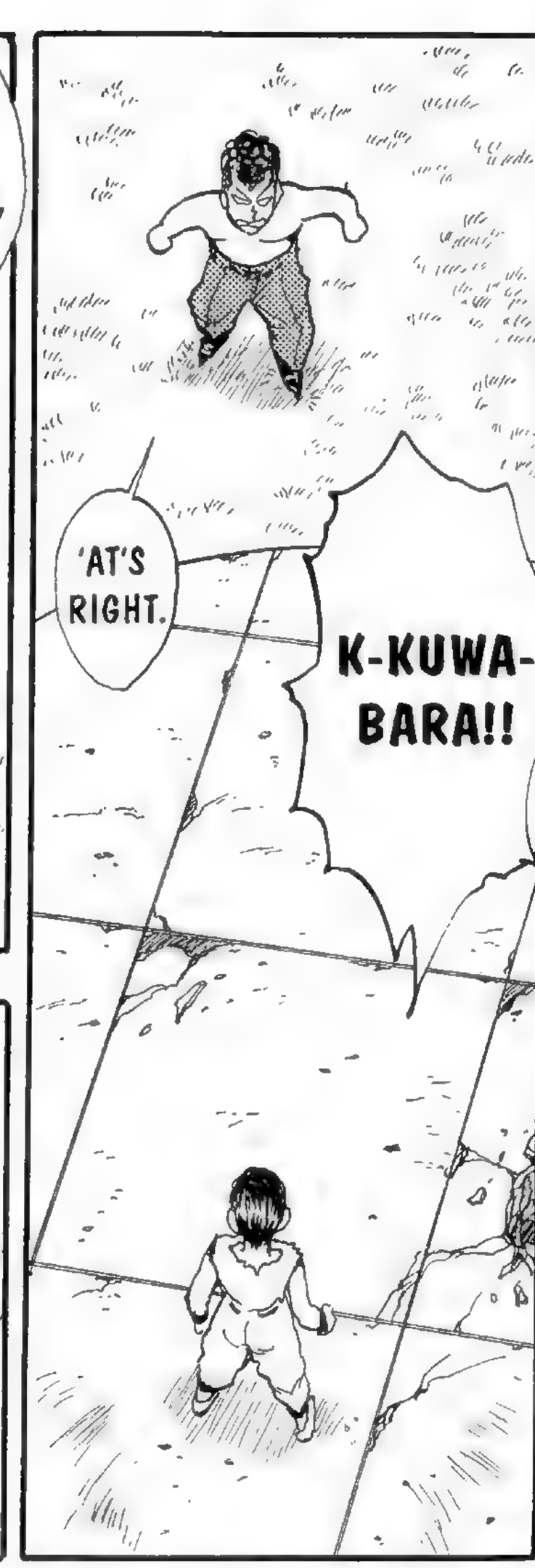
A BUNCHA LILY-LIVERED BUMS!!



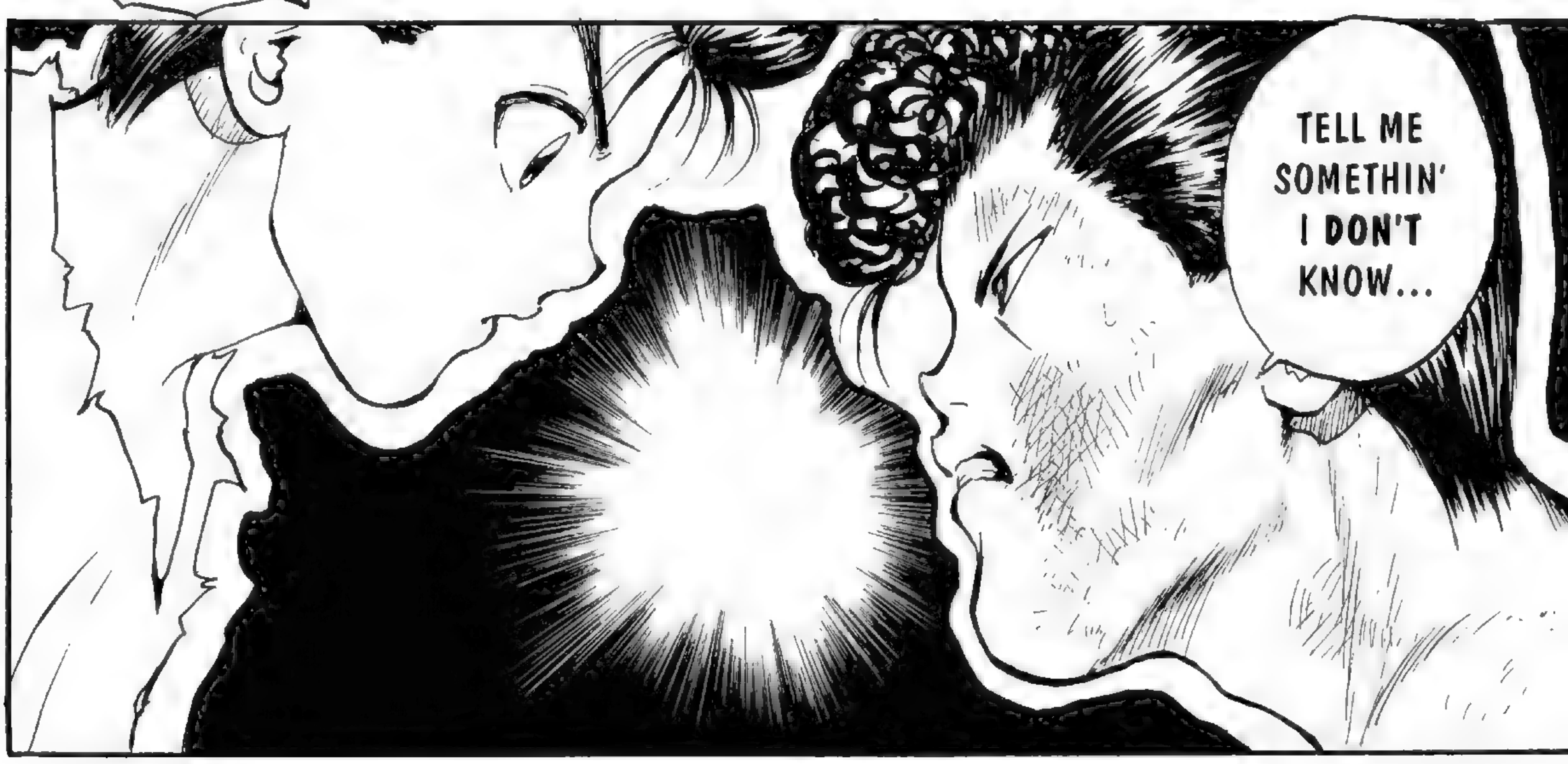
THAT'S WHAT I SAY, ANYWAY!
Y'ALL FORGET ABOUT LI'L OL' ME?

...!!

YOU'RE STILL AROUND, HUH?
YOU BET YER—

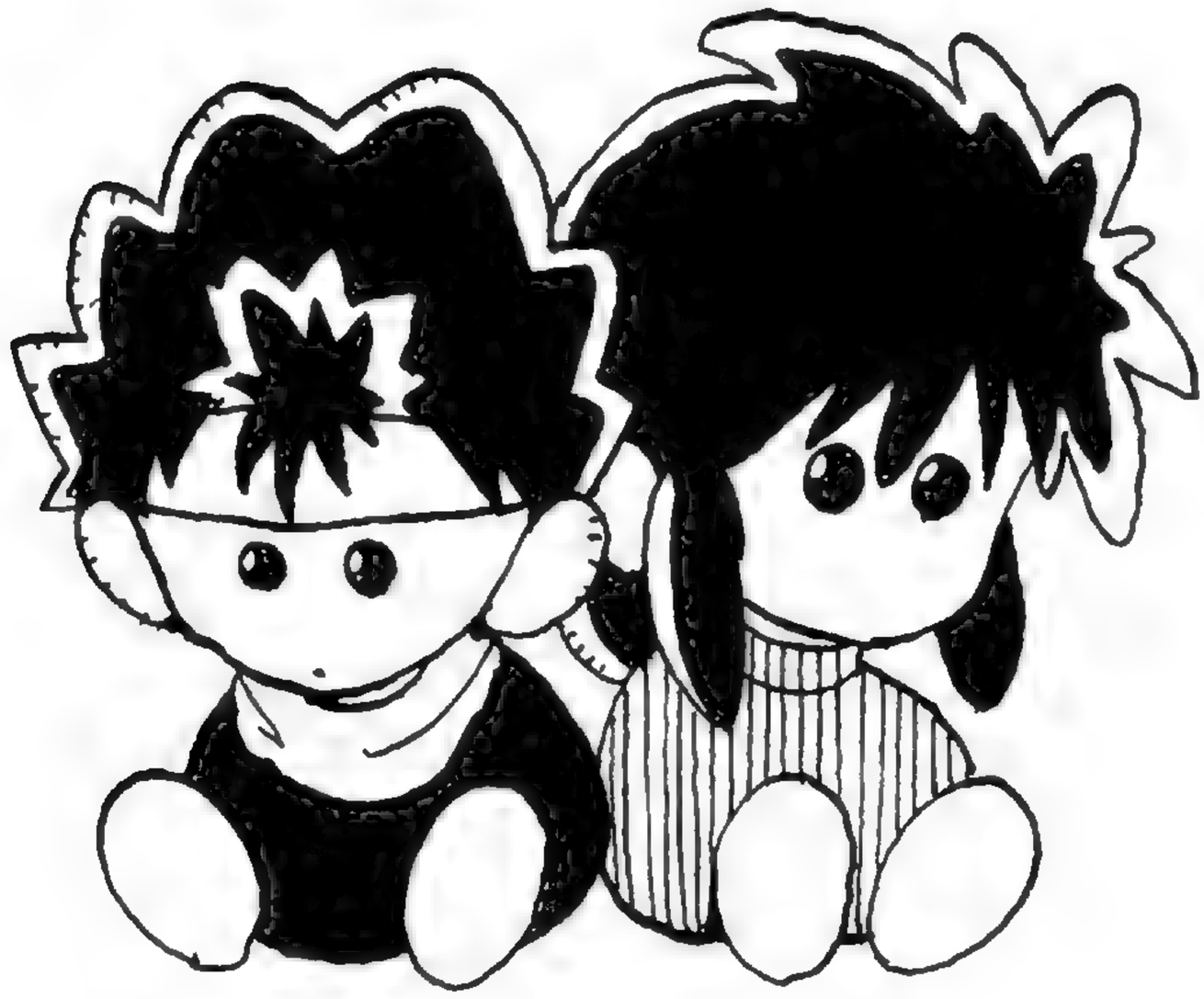

'AT'S RIGHT.
K-KUWA-BARA!!

YOU'RE IN NO SHAPE FOR THIS, YA MORON!
YOU'RE A MASS OF HURT FROM THAT POUNDIN' YA GOT!!


TELL ME SOMETHIN' I DON'T KNOW...

...I'D **LOVE** TO BUST THIS PLACE OPEN **MYSELF!** BUT CAN'T WE SHOW THESE **CHEATIN' SCUM** THAT, EVEN AT OUR WORST, WE'RE **BETTER?**

...AND TELL ME **YOU** REALLY WANNA SINK T' THEIR LEVEL AT THIS POINT. NOT THAT I **BLAME** YOU...



...HAS SUFFICIENT WILLPOWER TO BRING HIMSELF BACK INTO CONTENTION!

RAAH

RAAH

IT APPEARS THAT KUWABARA, DESPITE HIS INJURIES...

KAZUMA...!

GEEZ...CAN'T BELIEVE WE ALL PASSED OUT LIKE THAT!

EXCUSE US! HEY, C'MON, MAKE A HOLE!!

ONE?! YOU KNOCKED BACK THREE!!

ONE SIX-PACK, AND I'M UNDER THE TABLE! MUST BE GETTIN' OLD...

THE DEMONS AREN'T PARTYING, SO OUR BOYS MUST STILL BE IN THE RUNNING.

STARE

OKAY?

PLEASE, SHIZURU...NO MORE HAIR OF THE DOG.

LIRP

HEY!! IT'S KUWABARA !!

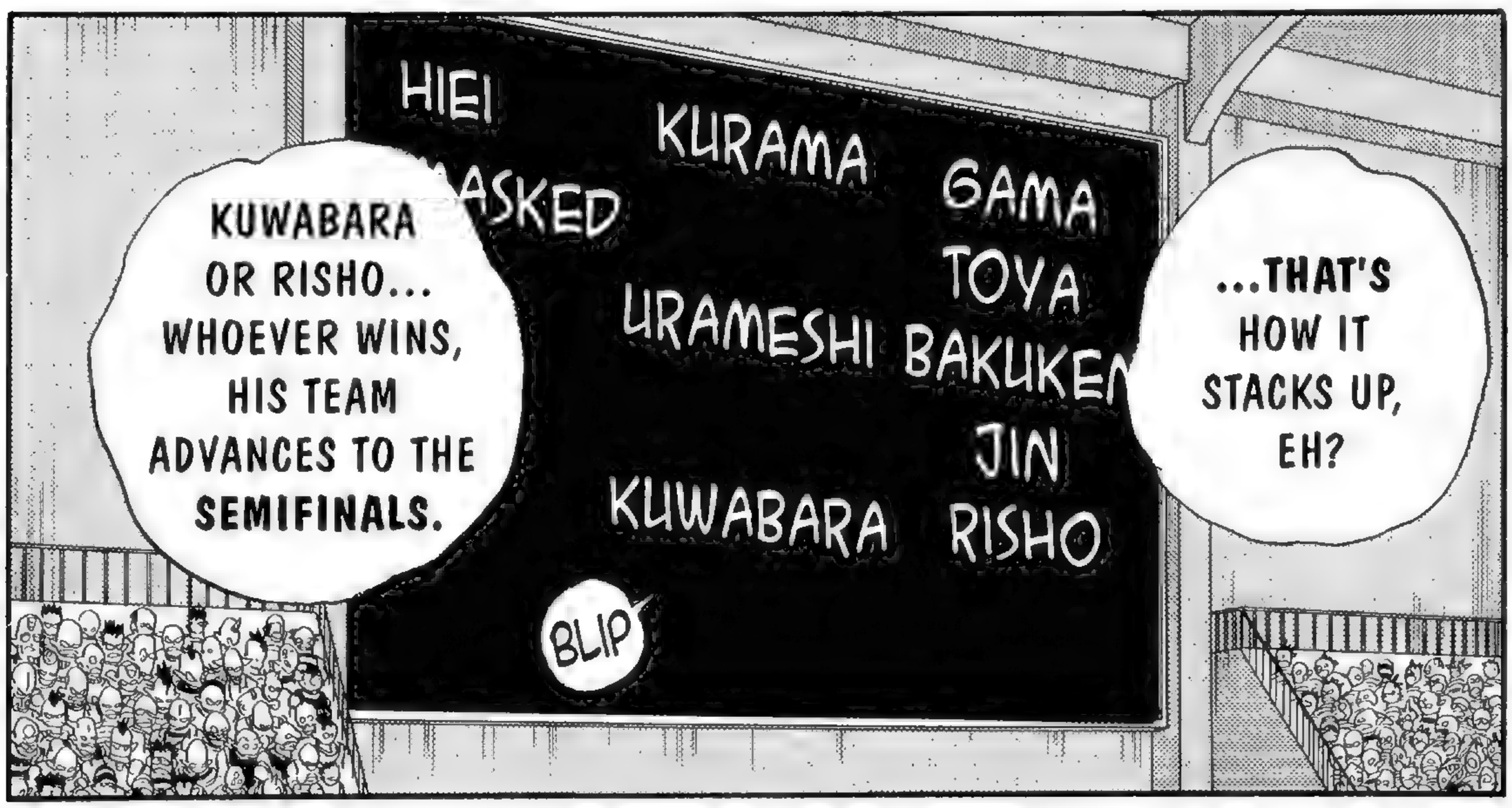
YUKINA? WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?!

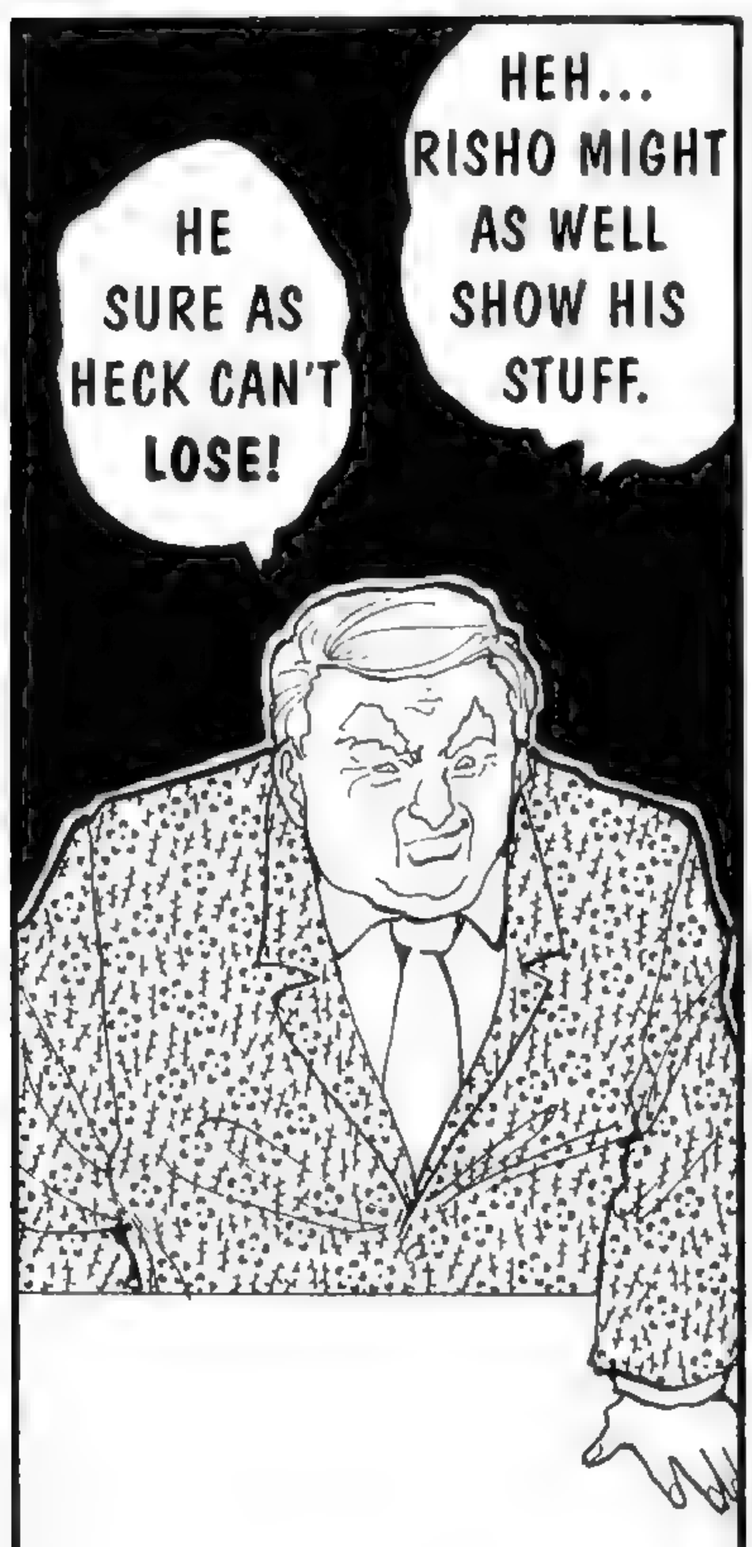
WHOA!

HOW ABOUT YOU, BOTAN?

?

WAIT, I'LL TELL ...
CRICKLE
GAWD, SHIZURU, YOUR EYES...
MIND IF I TAKE YOUR HEAD OFF FIRST?
BLOW YER COOKIES AND TAKE OFF, YA DRUNK!
WHAT'S THE SCOOP ON THE TOURNEY, FRIEND?

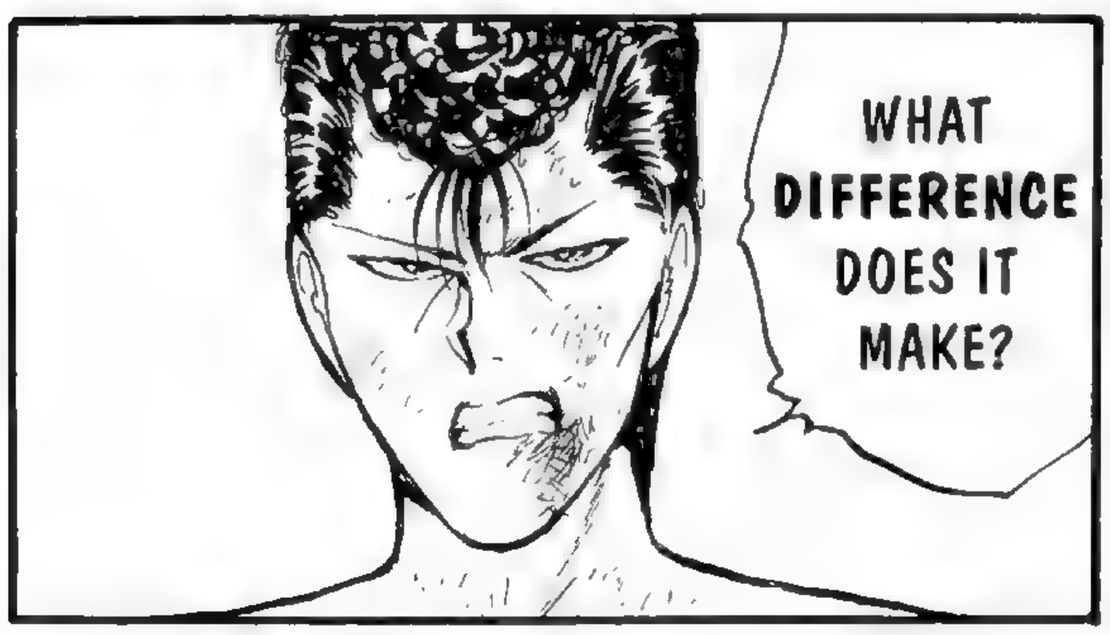

HIEI
ASKED
KURAMA
GAMA
TOYA
URAMESHI
BAKUKEN
JIN
KUWABARA
RISHO
BLIP
KUWABARA OR RISHO... WHOEVER WINS, HIS TEAM ADVANCES TO THE SEMIFINALS.
...THAT'S HOW IT STACKS UP, EH?


HE SURE AS HECK CAN'T LOSE!
HEH... RISHO MIGHT AS WELL SHOW HIS STUFF.

CONTESTANTS, FORWARD!!
TOTTER
TEETER

...I HAVE THE HONOR OF EVERYONE'S ATTENTION!

MAYBE I'M ABOUT TO BE SLAUGHTERED, BUT...



BEGIN !!

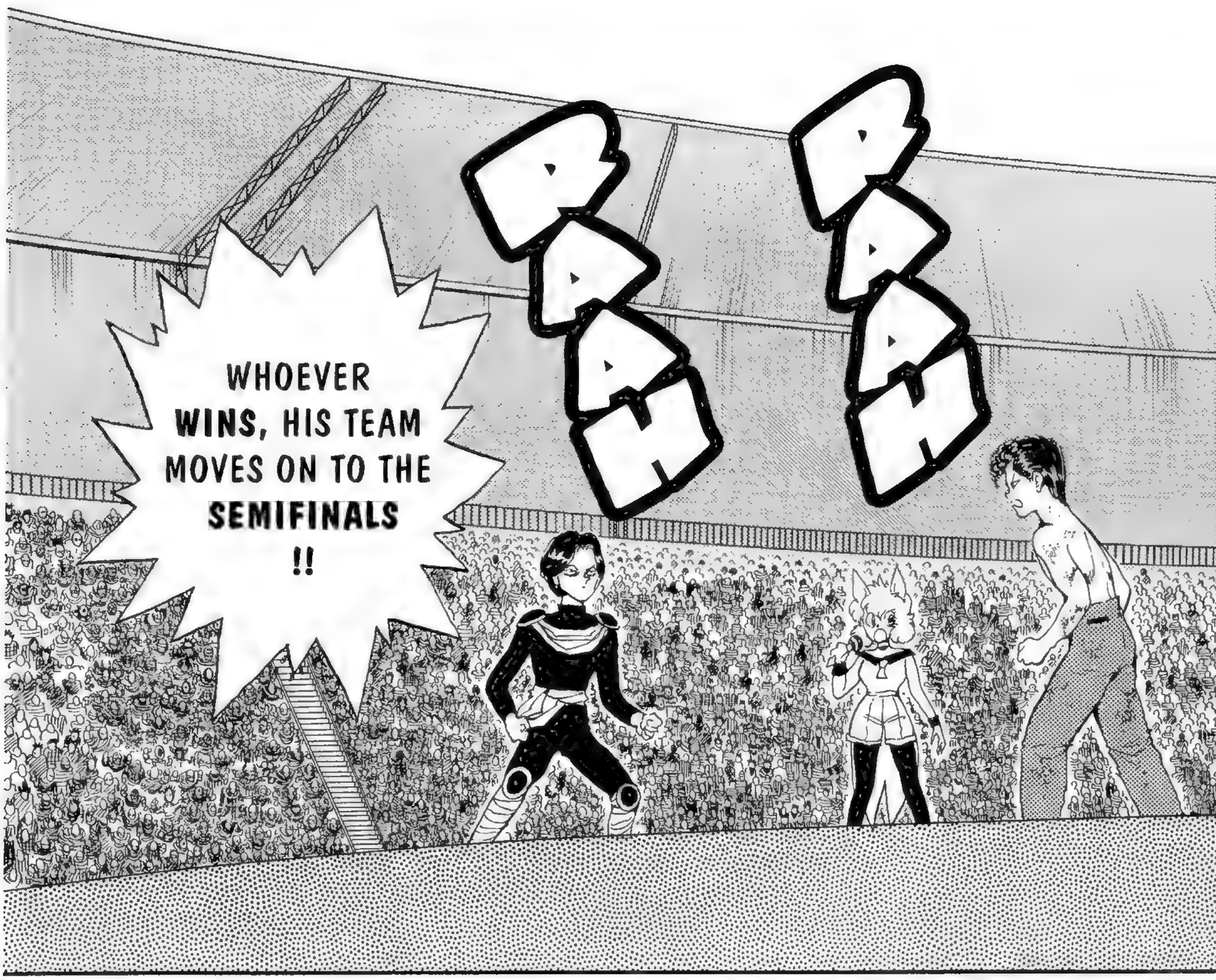
LET'S DO IT!!

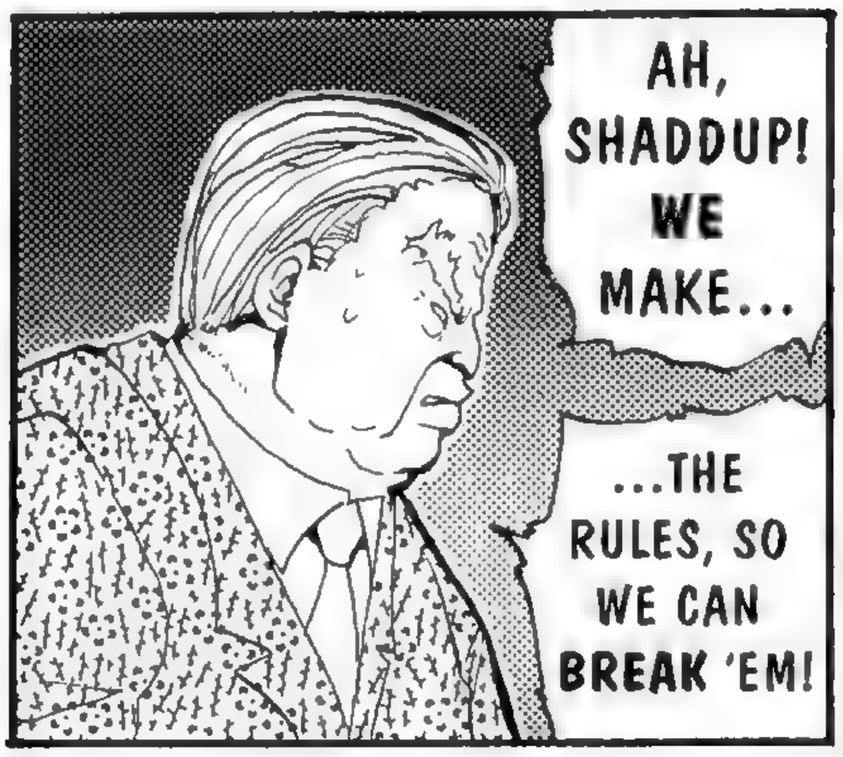
MPH ...

SHIN

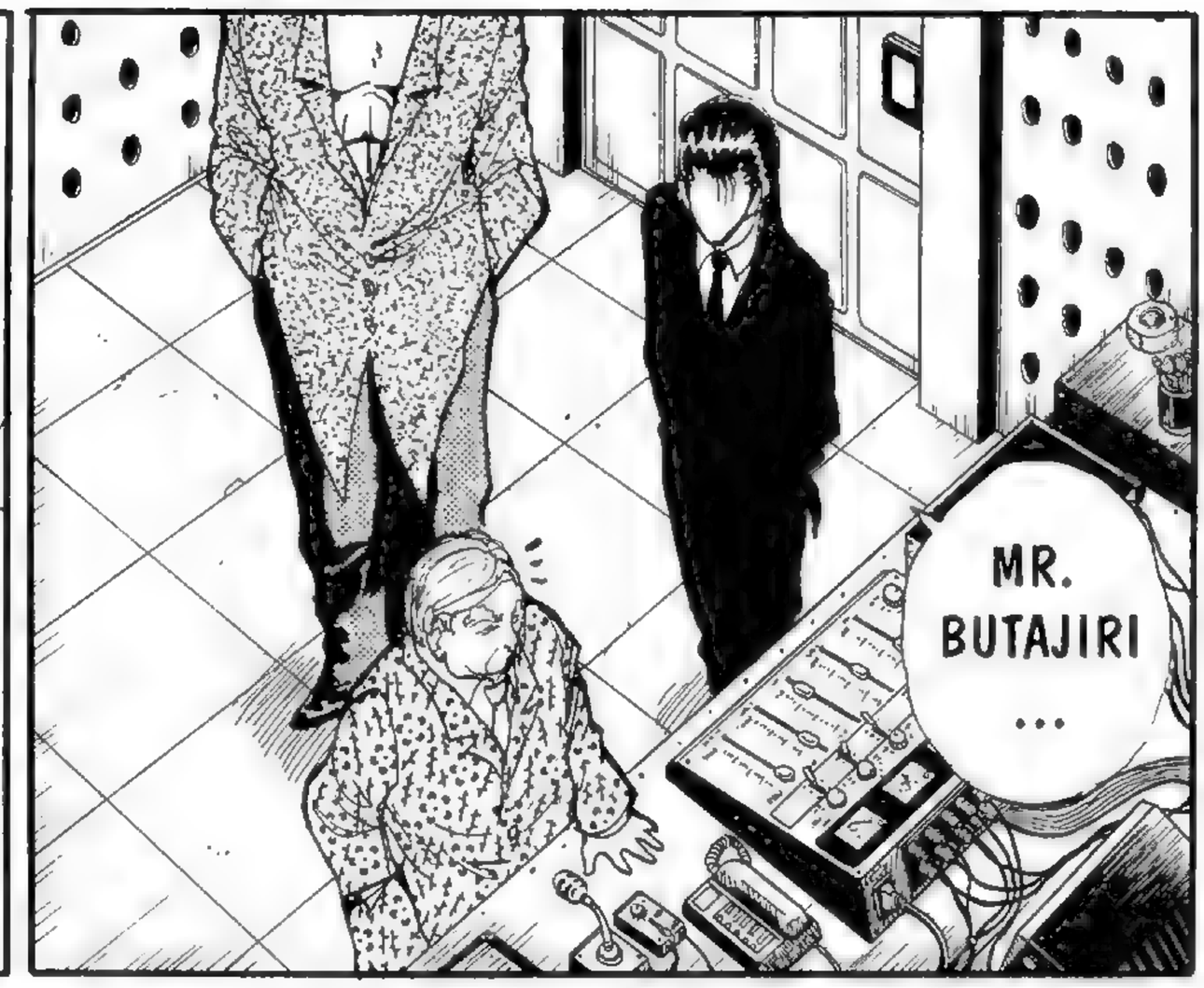
RAAH
DOOM
HEI
KURAMA
MASKED
GAMA
TOYA
URAMESHI
BAKUKEN
JIN
KUWABARA
RISHO
WITH ALL THE REVERSALS WE'VE SEEN? FAT CHANCE!
ANY BETS ON HOW QUICK THE HUMAN DIES?
MASH 'IM UP, KUWABARA !!

THE ELEVENTH HOUR!!

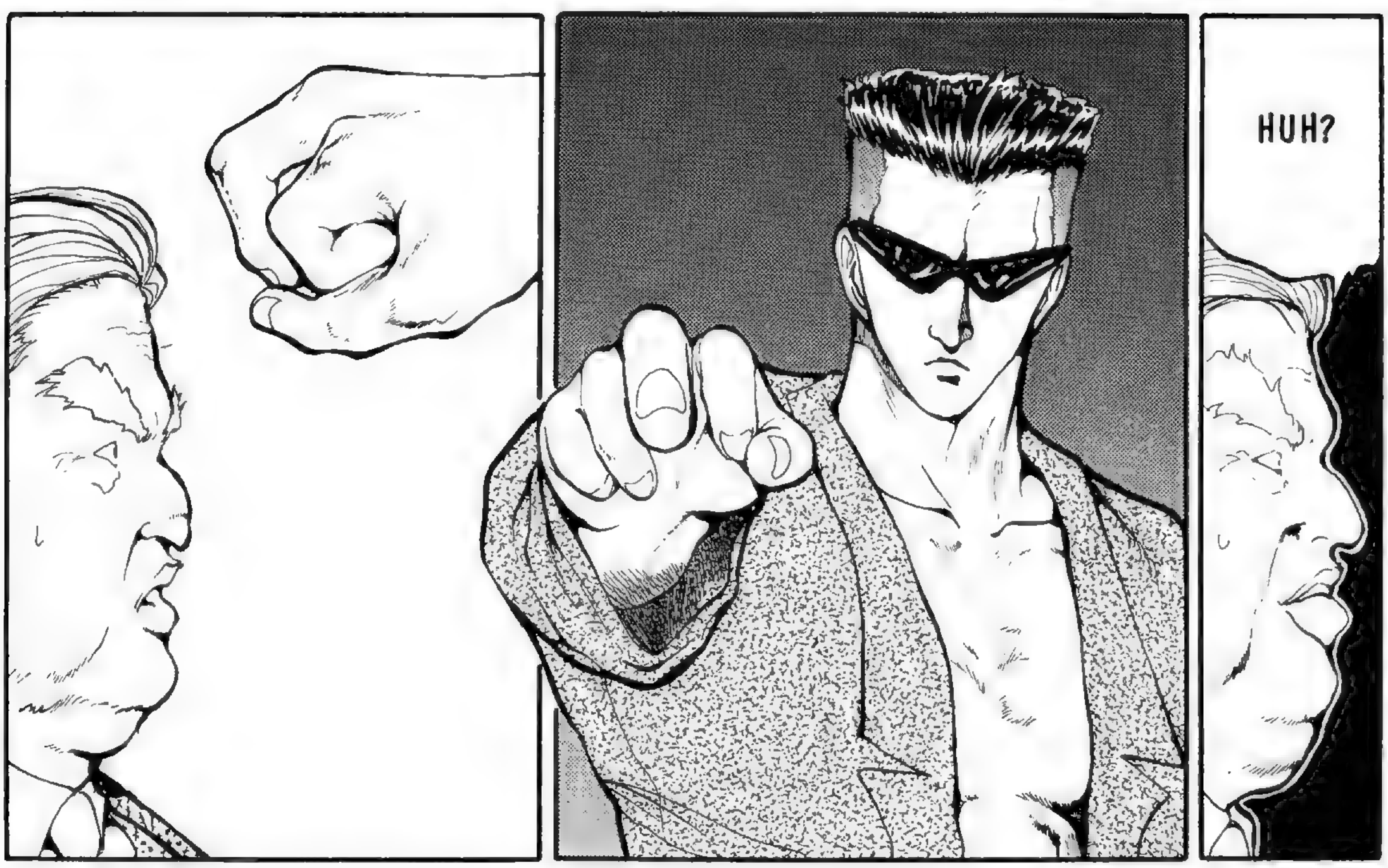




AH, MR. SAKYO ...AND TOGURO.
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MY DODGE? PRETTY SLICK, EH?


MR. BUTAJIRI ...

BUT YOUR EXECUTION WAS CLUMSY AND OBVIOUS... NO STYLE AT ALL.
I GIVE YOU POINTS FOR BEING CLEVER ENOUGH TO COME UP WITH IT.


HUH?

PLOOK
GUH ...
...WE'LL LET THINGS PROCEED ALONG THEIR CURRENT COURSE.
OUT OF RESPECT FOR THE DEAD...
...THEY'RE NOT WORTH OUR TIME OR TROUBLE.
IF TEAM URAMESHI CAN'T GET OUT OF THIS...

THANKS! I'D BE DELIGHTED !!
TAKE YOUR SHOT.
HEH ...
TRIP TRIP
?!
SPRING
POP

...MY AURA SWORD !!

...CAN'T MAKE...

GACK!

THUD

SHEE... I...

UNH ...

WHAT ?!

WE CAN'T GO IN? BALONEY !!

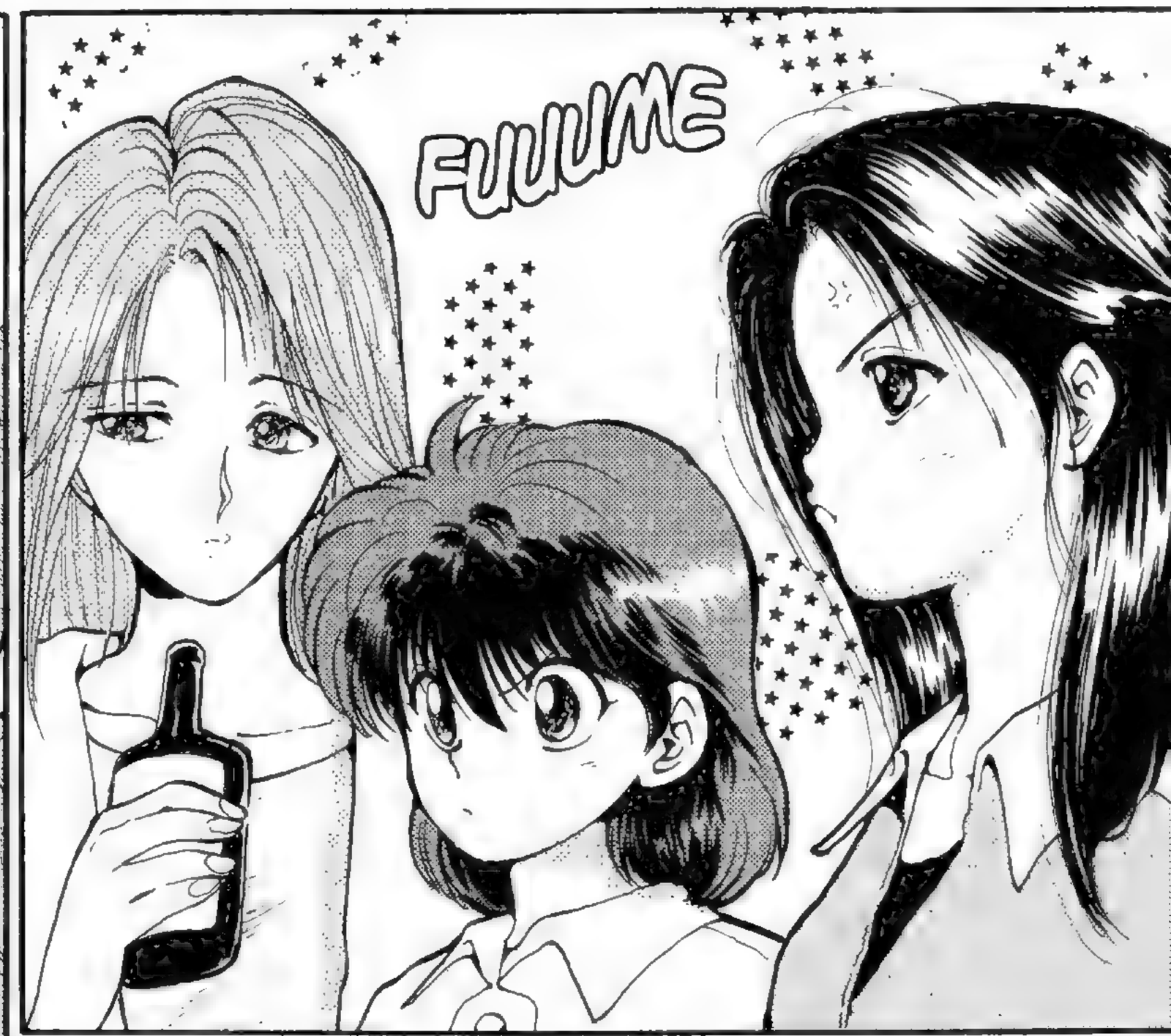
WHAT'S THAT?!

BUT WE GOT TICKETS, BLIMPO!!
BEER SOAKED

SORRY, ALL SEATS TAKEN.
WEST EXIT

IF YOU WERE HYPER RICH, ON THE OTHER HAND...HEH!
LOWLIFE HUMANS AREN'T ALLOWED INSIDE ANYWAY.

WAIT, YOU'RE DEMONIC, AND...
...YOU'RE... NOT HUMAN, ANYWAY.
SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF


FUUUME

YOU BET!

SO... IT'S OKAY TO GO IN?

RARR! YARR!!

OOCHI OUTTA PRACTICE ...

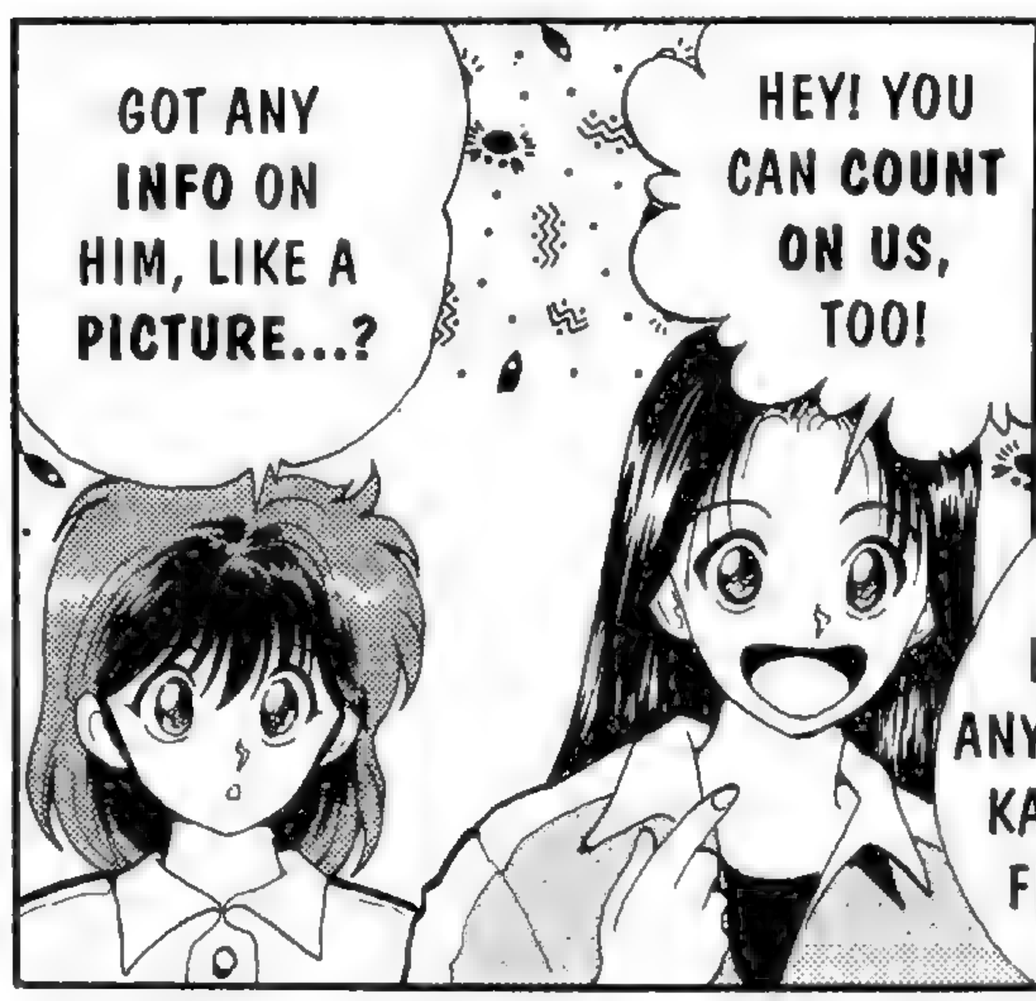
GRUCK

BUT THOSE AREN'T THE ONLY REASONS ...
OH? WHAT ELSE?

YES, AND TO BE HERE IN CASE...
...THERE'S A NEED FOR MY HEALING POWERS.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THE HUMAN WORLD?
DID YOU COME TO ROOT FOR THE GUYS?

I'VE LEARNED THAT... I HAVE A BROTHER.

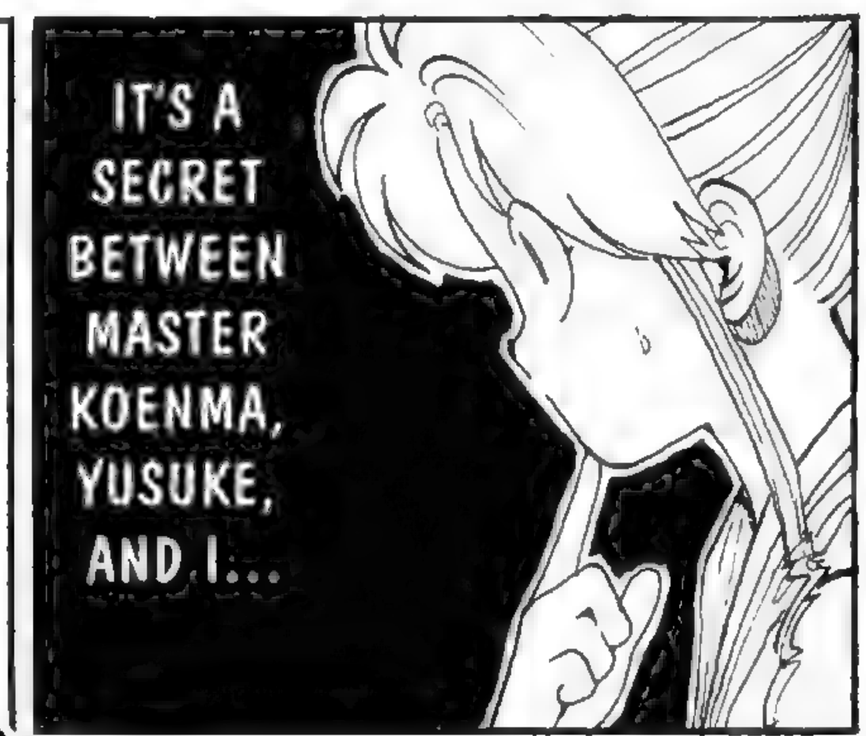

GOT ANY INFO ON HIM, LIKE A PICTURE...?
HEY! YOU CAN COUNT ON US, TOO!

RAAH RAAH
I ASKED FOR, AND RECEIVED, PERMISSION TO LOOK FOR HIM...
...FOR A LITTLE WHILE, ANYWAY. I THOUGHT KAZUMA AND HIS FRIENDS MIGHT HELP.

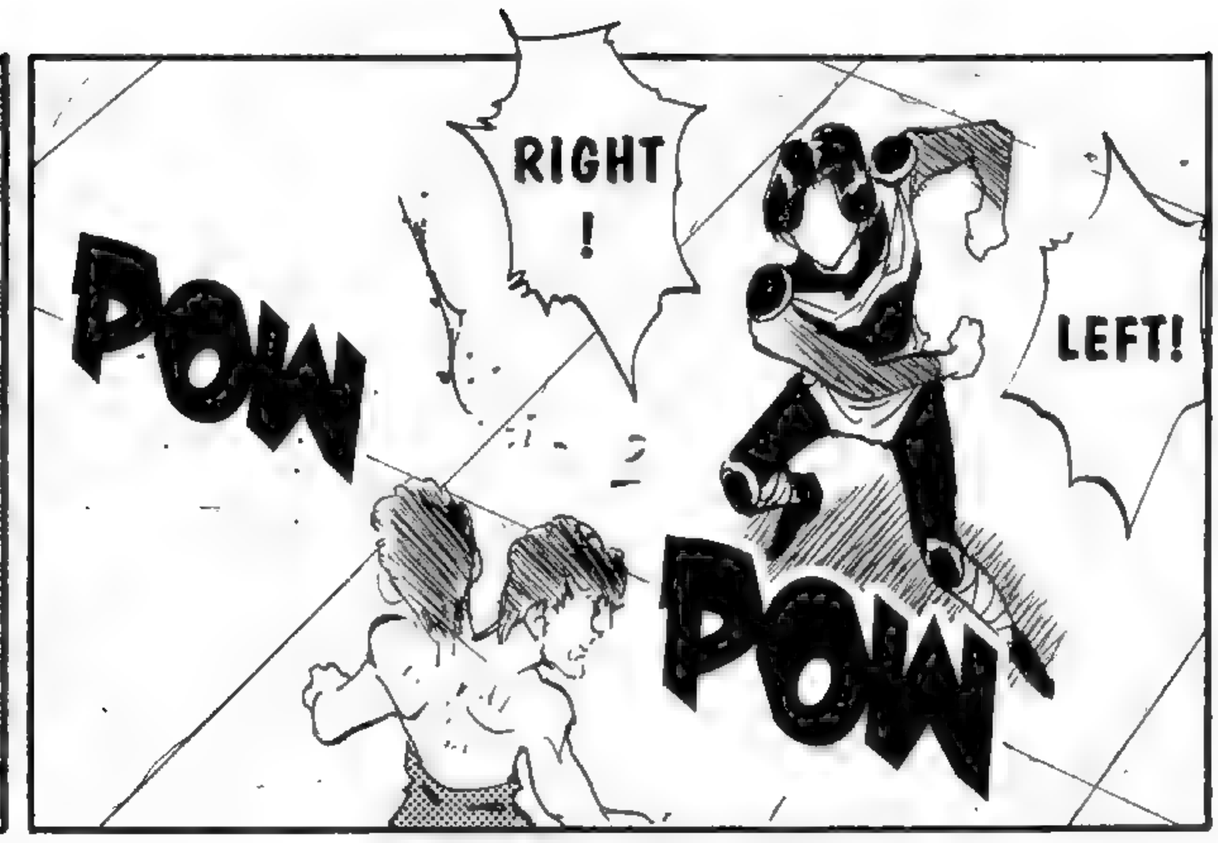
URK!
STILL... I FEEL HE MAY BE CLOSE...

PHEW ...
NO... NOTHING.

...BUT WITH THE WAY I TEND TO BLURT STUFF—!
TELL HER, AND I'LL THROTTLE YOU.


IT'S A SECRET BETWEEN MASTER KOENMA, YUSUKE, AND I...

PAAF
PAAF
GAAH !
WHAM


RIGHT !
POW
LEFT!
POW

...SO YOUR AURA IS TOTALLY ABSORBED IN HEALING!!

IT'S NO MYSTERY WHY YOU CAN'T SUMMON YOUR SWORD!!
YOUR BODY'S ALREADY TAKEN A HUGE AMOUNT OF PUNISHMENT...

KIIIIAP
FEH !!

S-SO YOU...
HUFF... HUFF...

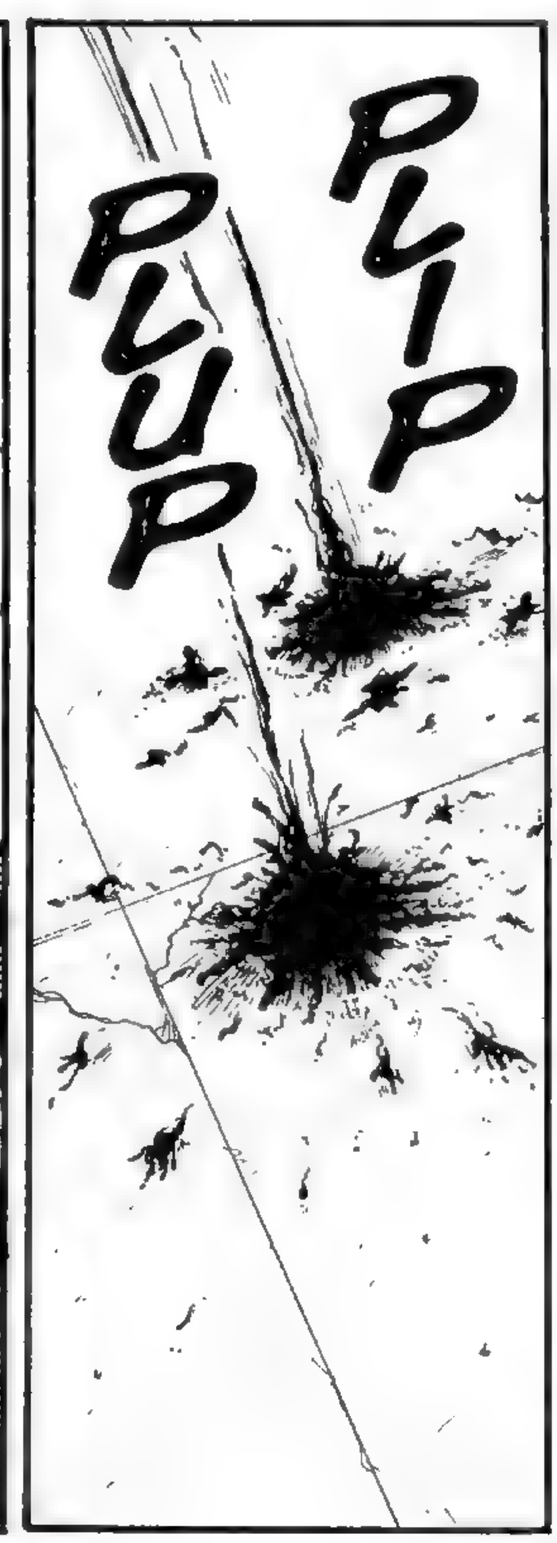
YOU'RE TOUGH, HUMAN, BUT I TIRE OF THIS!
SHUUUP
RISHO'S DELAYING HIS ATTACK!
WHAT'S HE UP TO...?
TIME YOU SAW WHAT IT MEANS...
...TO BE THE EARTH MASTER!!
GRUGGLE
HE'S SUMMONING THE DIRT... TO COVER HIS BODY!!
SKLOPP

CARNAGE EARTH BATTLE ARMOR!
BRACE YOURSELF FOR THE...
PA!
...BOMBER TACKLE!!
WHAM

1!!
2!!
HE'S DOWN!!

...SO MUCH FOR...
WELL ...

JUNK


PLUP
PLIP

WHAT THE...
EH? WHAT'S ...?

AND LOSE? UH-UH!
I'M STAYIN' IN THE GAME, EVEN IF IT...

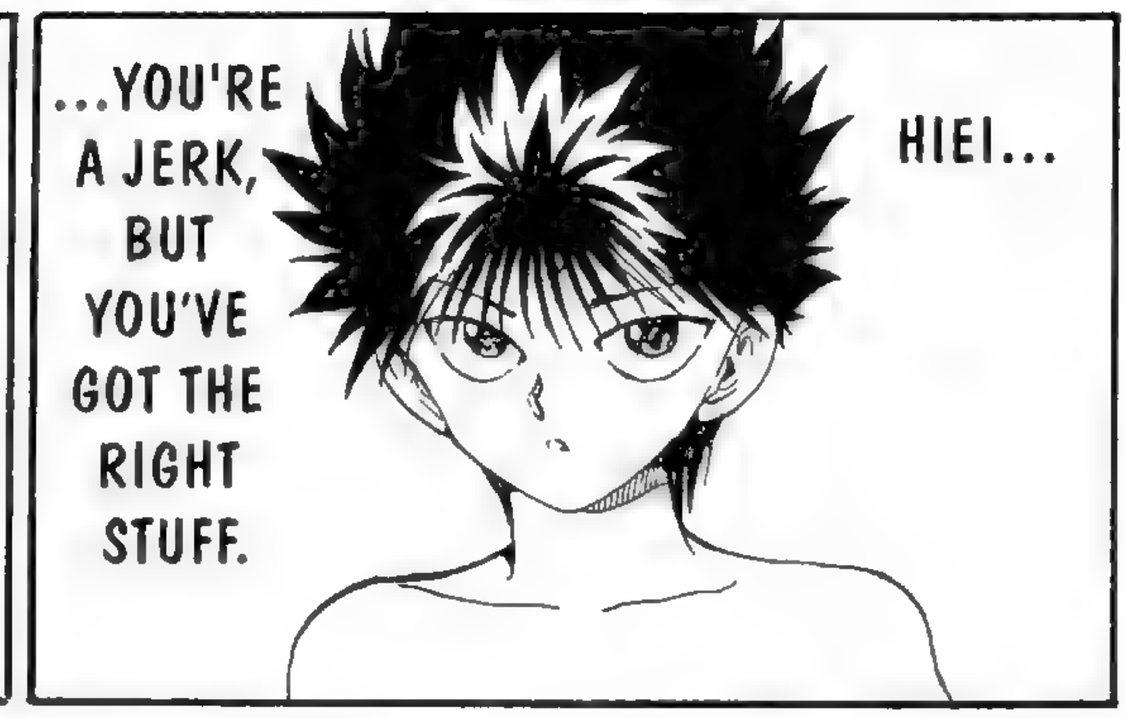
YOU IDIOT! STAY DOWN!!

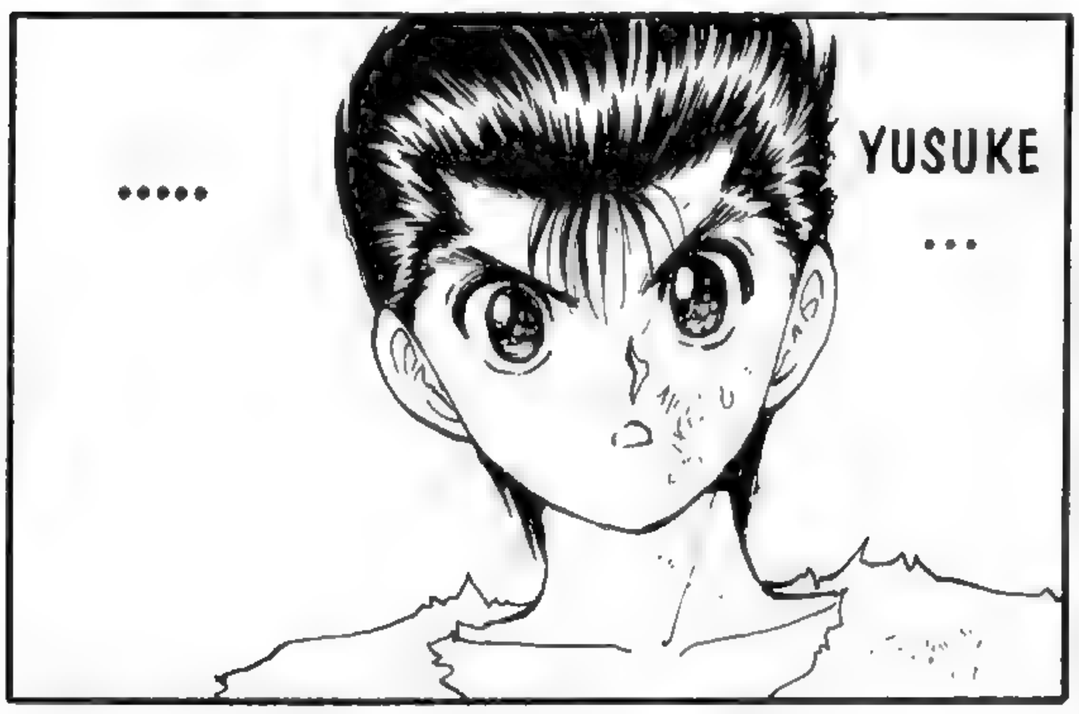
...WE GO TO OVERTIME. EITHER WAY, YUSUKE'LL MOP YOU UP.
...KILLS ME. AND IF IT'S A DRAW ...

.....

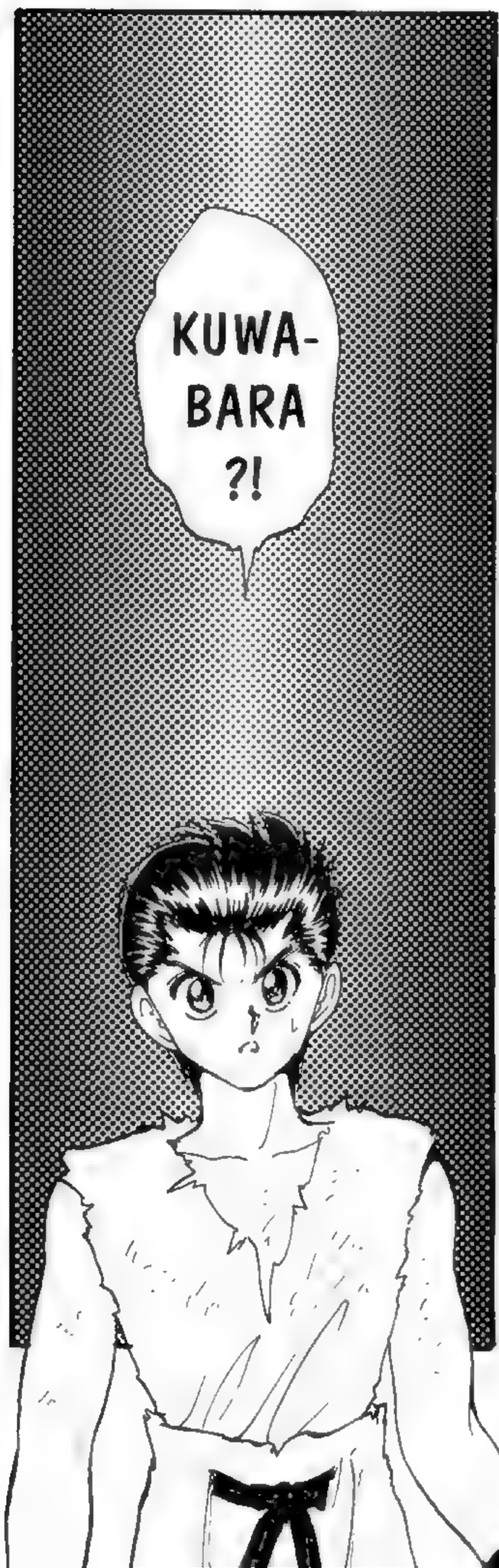
ULP...HE MEANS IT...

...THANKS TO YOU.
KURAMA... I'VE GOTTEN THIS FAR...


...YOU'RE A JERK, BUT YOU'VE GOT THE RIGHT STUFF.
HIEI...


.....
YUSUKE ...

...BUT YOU'VE GOT THE RIGHT STUFF, TOO.
MASKED FIGHTER... STILL NO IDEA WHO YOU ARE...


KUWA-BARA ?!

...KNEAD 'IM GOOD FOR ME!!
GRIN

HERE I COME !!

WITH THE LAST OF MY POWER—

HE STILL HAS THE STRENGTH TO ATTACK?!!

THIS HAS TO BE IT !!

?!

STOMPSTOMP

STOMP

STOMP

DON'T DO THIS !!

IF I JUST COULD HAVE SEEN HER...ONE LAST TIME...

ZIP IT, YUSUKE! SEE YOU IN THE AFTERLIFE!!

!!

WHAT? THAT VOICE ...

KAZUMA ...!!

YUKINA!!

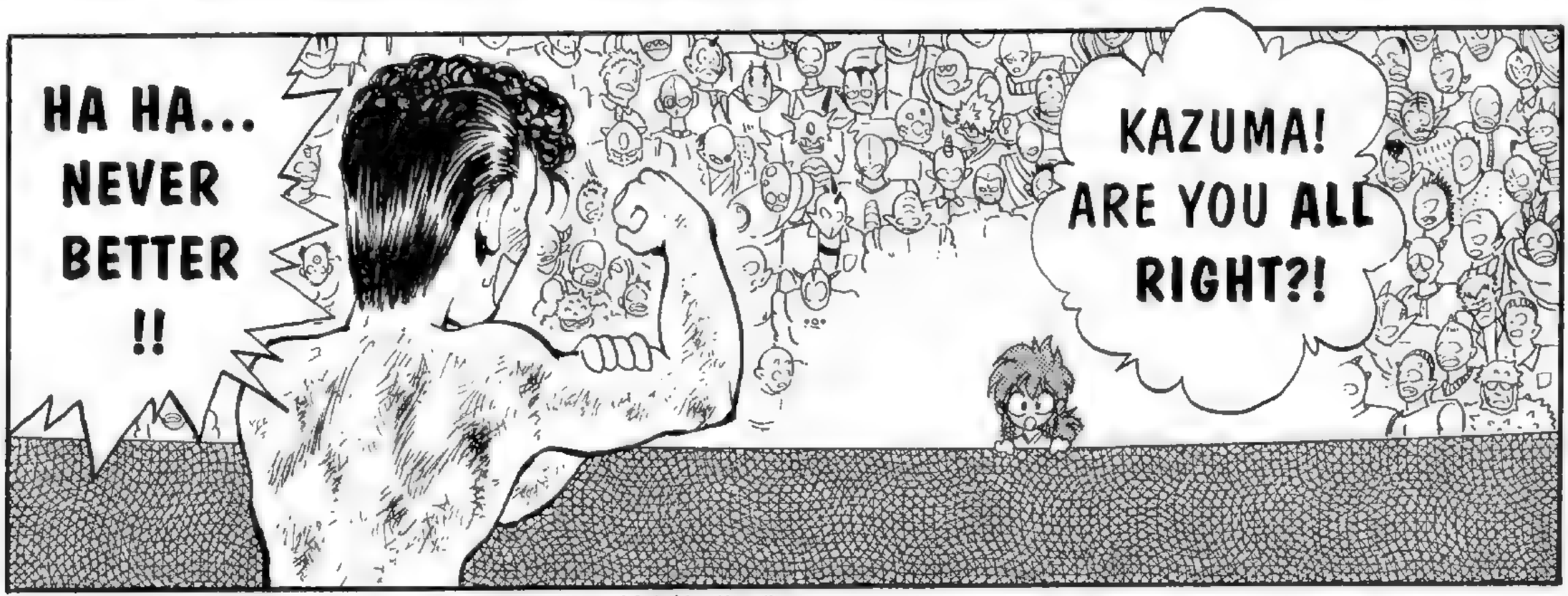
!!
SNIIFF
HEY, MORON! I'M OVER HERE!!

GIT
OUTTA MY
FACE!!!

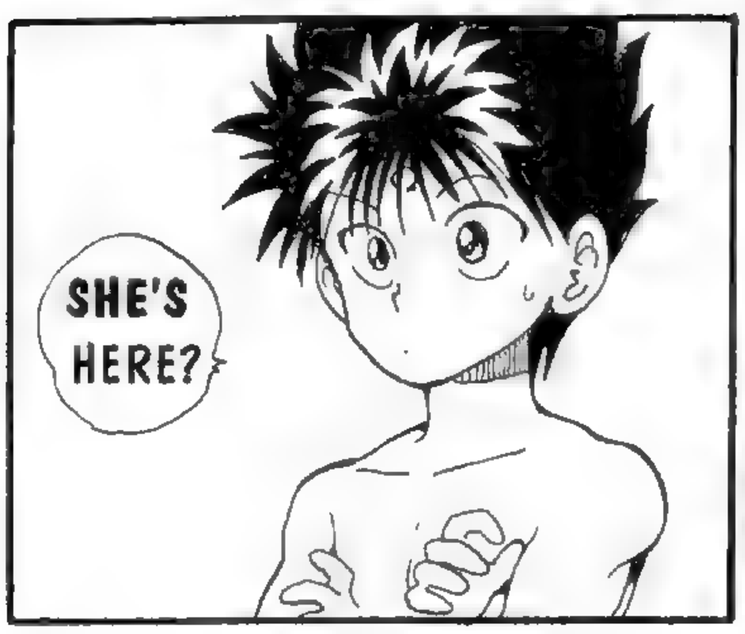
KAPOW

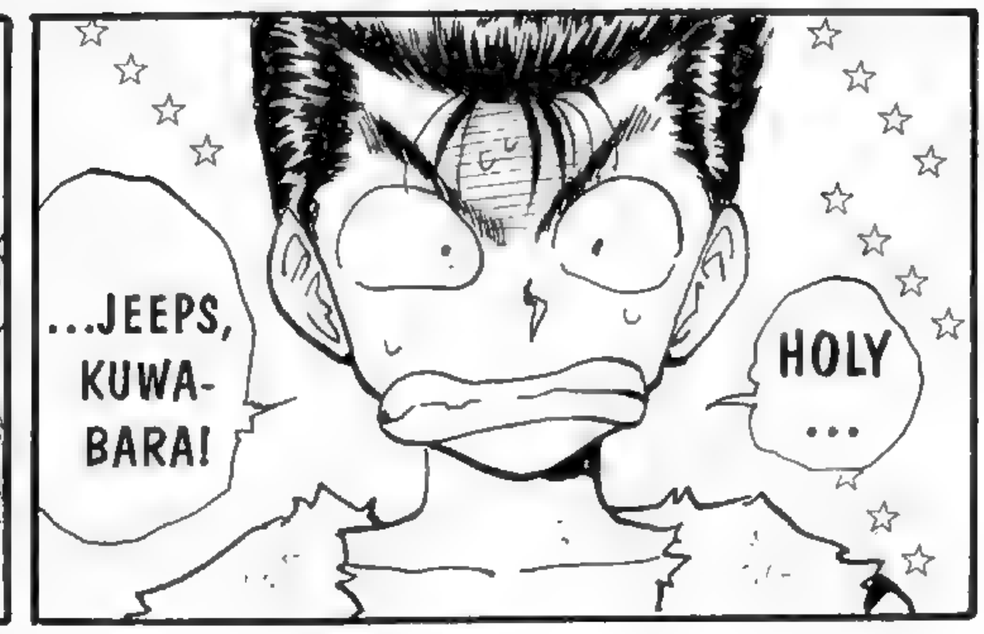
YUKINA !!

YOU'RE HERE!!



MACHO NITWIT...





THE UNDERWORLD BEAST!!

TEAM URAMESHI HAD NO TIME TO CELEBRATE THEIR VICTORY OVER DR. ICHIGAKI'S TEAM BEFORE THEY HAD TO CONFRONT THE SHADOW CHANNELERS.

IN THE FACE OF BLATANTLY BIASED INTERFERENCE ON THE PART OF TOURNAMENT HQ, THE BATTLE CAME DOWN TO A FACE-OFF BETWEEN SHADOW CHANNELER CAPTAIN RISHO AND A BADLY MAULED KUWABARA!!

AGAINST ALL ODDS, KUWABARA TRIUMPHED! THE REASON? **UNANTICIPATED INSPIRATION!!**

KAPOW

THE UNDERWORLD BEAST!!

TEAM URAMESHI WILL NOW ADVANCE TO THE SEMIFINALS!!

I AIN'T OUR TEAM'S ANCHOR FOR NOTHIN'!!
HA HA... IT'S LATENT TALENT, Y'SEE!!
IT'S THE POWER OF LOVE.
YOUR TEMPERATURE'S RETURNING TO NORMAL, TOO...
...YOUR INJURIES ARE HEALING ON THEIR OWN.
IT'S STILL INCREDIBLE THAT...
...IF YOU SAY SO.
SURE...
GRIN

FINALLY GIVEN A MOMENT TO BREATHE, THE GUYS GET TOGETHER WITH THE GIRLS...

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US YOU WERE HERE?

WELL ...

...YOU WERE KINDA BUSY...

PLENTY OF TIMES, YOU IDIOT!!

C'MON, WHEN'S THAT EVER STOPPED YOU?!

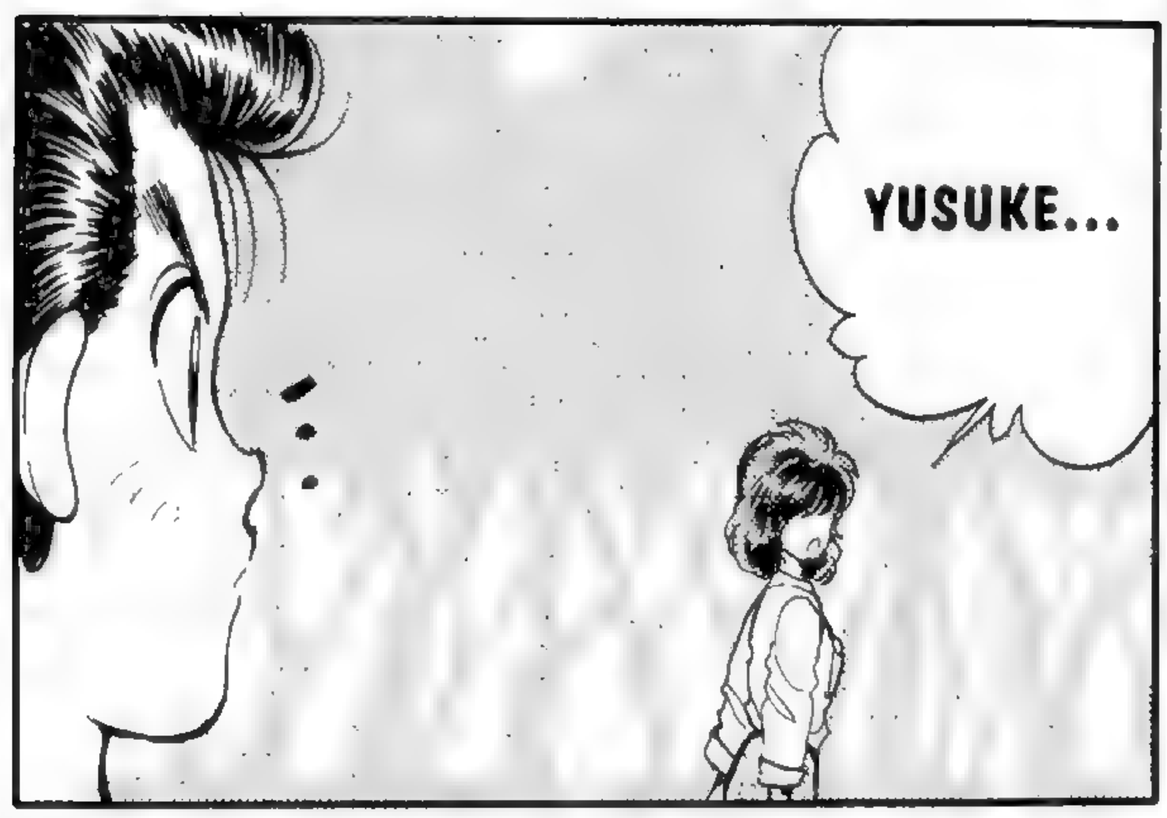
HMPH

THEY NEVER KNOW WHAT TO SAY TO EACH OTHER.

SORRY, I MEANT TO SAY "PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE IDIOT"!

IDIOT?! YOU TALKIN' TO ME, LADY?

EEK ...!
...NICE TUCKUS YOU'VE GOT THERE.
BEEP
.....
I HADN'T NOTICED BEFORE, BUT THAT'S A...
WHAP WHAP


YUSUKE...

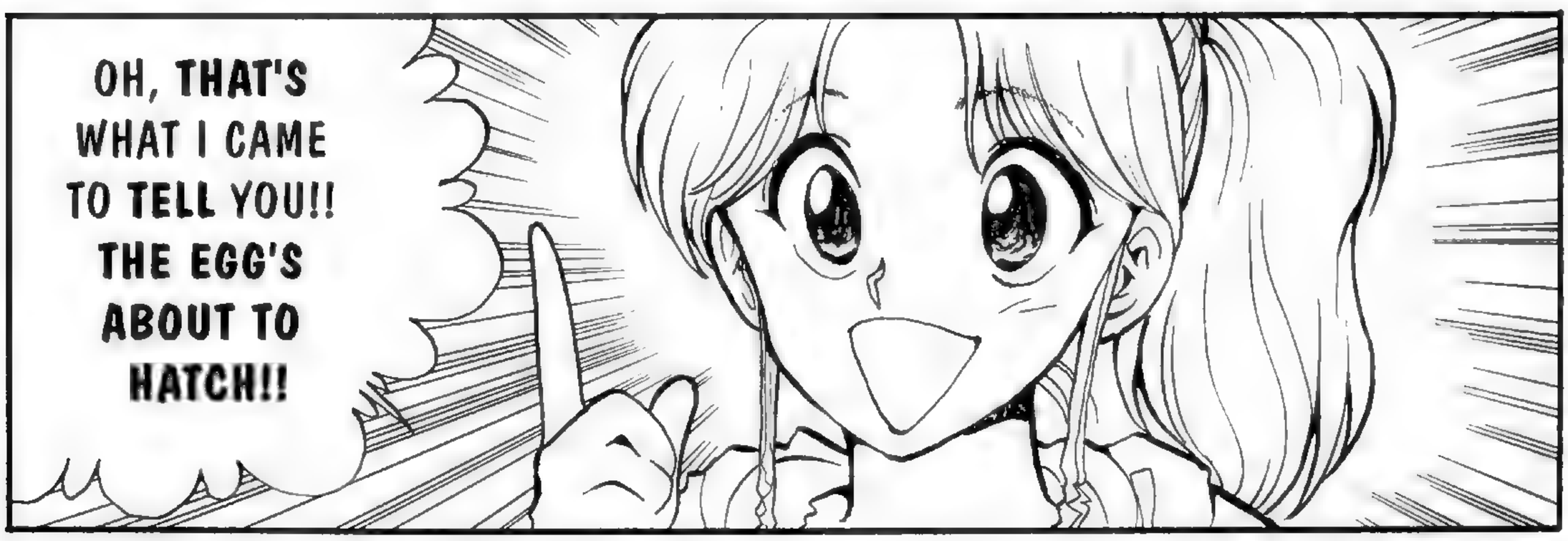
AHH, THERE'S A PUNCH...
...EVEN JIN WOULD ENVY!
...DON'T LOSE!
BANG

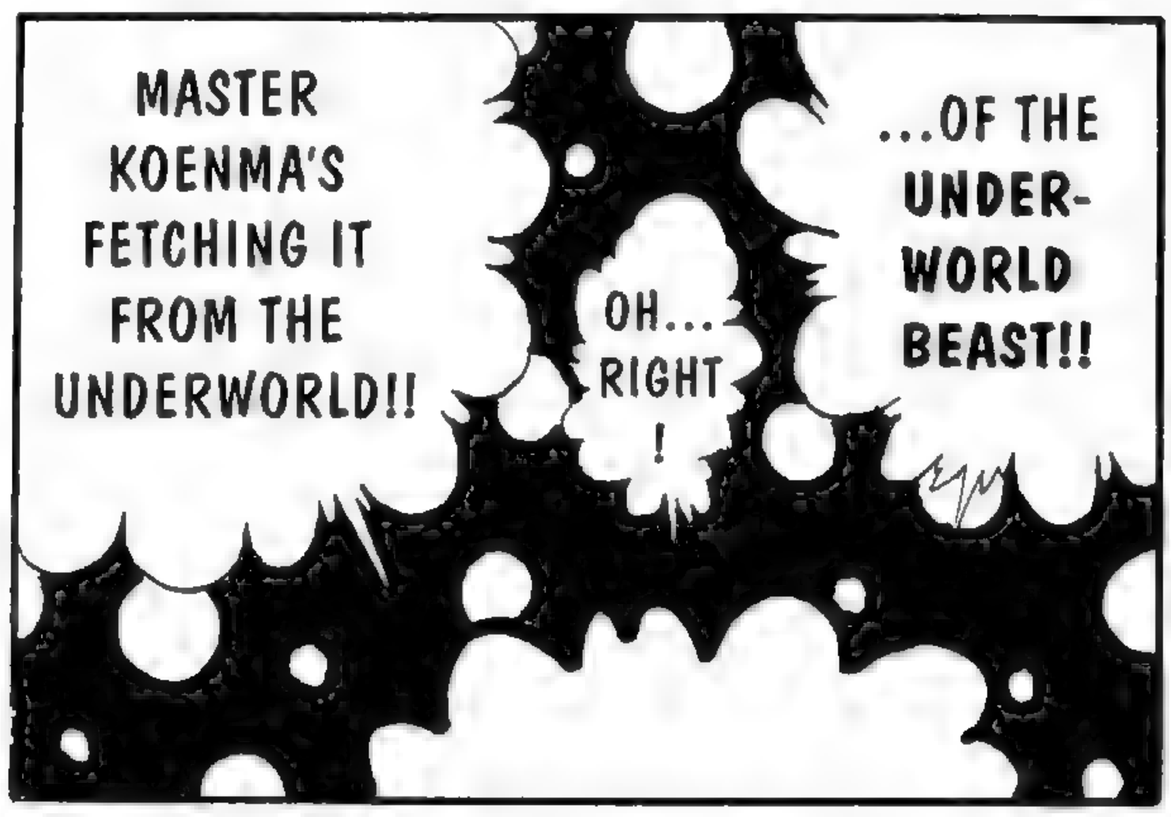
...NOT NOW.
I WON'T ...
YOU'VE FIRED ME UP, KEIKO...

YEP! SAY, WHERE'S KOENMA?
YOU KNEW I WAS HERE ALL ALONG?

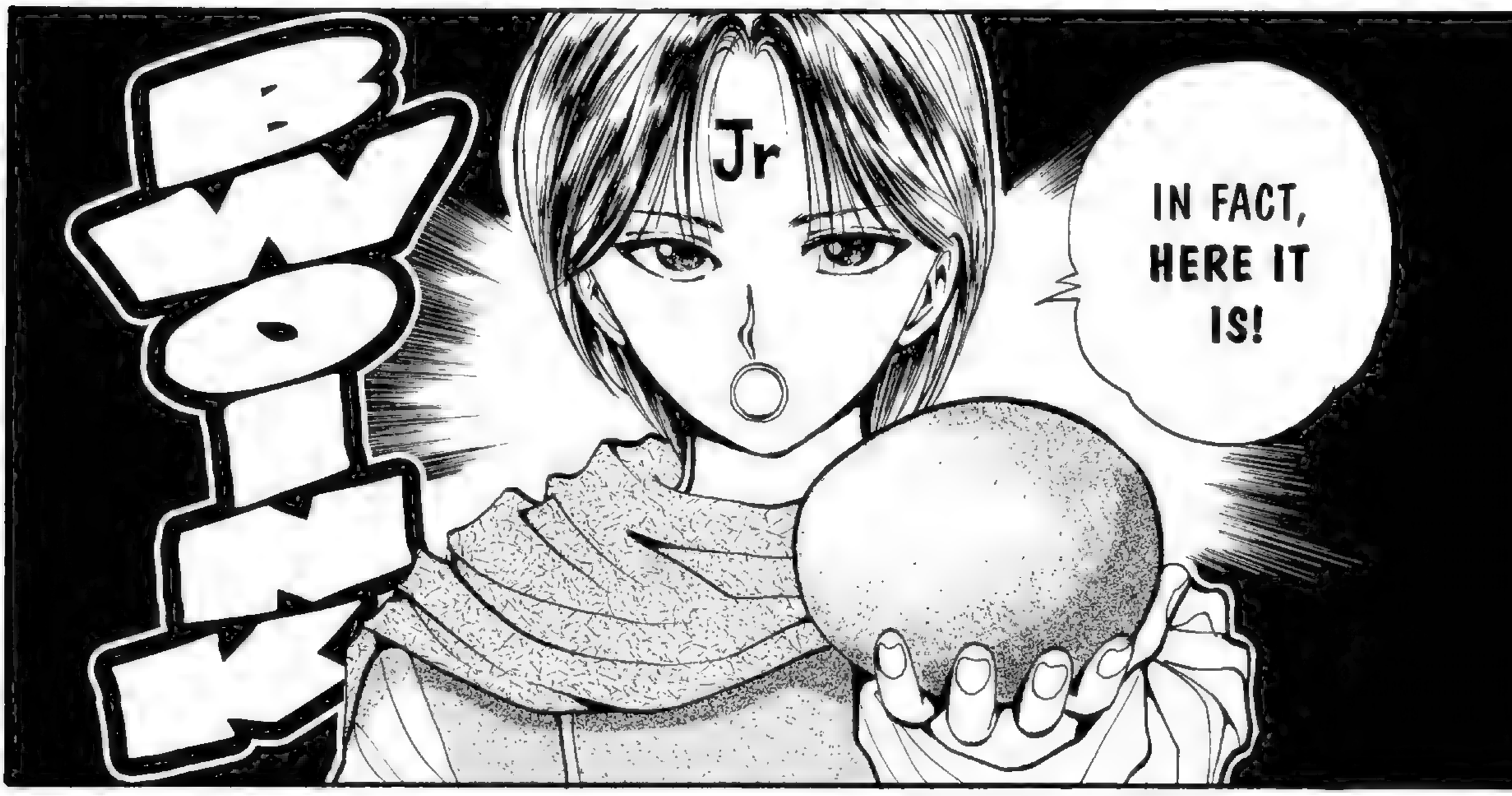
NICE TRY, BOTAN! C'MON OUT!
MEOW!

DID YOU ENJOY THAT?
URK!


OH, THAT'S WHAT I CAME TO TELL YOU!! THE EGG'S ABOUT TO HATCH!!


MASTER KOENMA'S FETCHING IT FROM THE UNDERWORLD!!
OH... RIGHT!
...OF THE UNDER-WORLD BEAST!!

YES, THE EGG...
EGG?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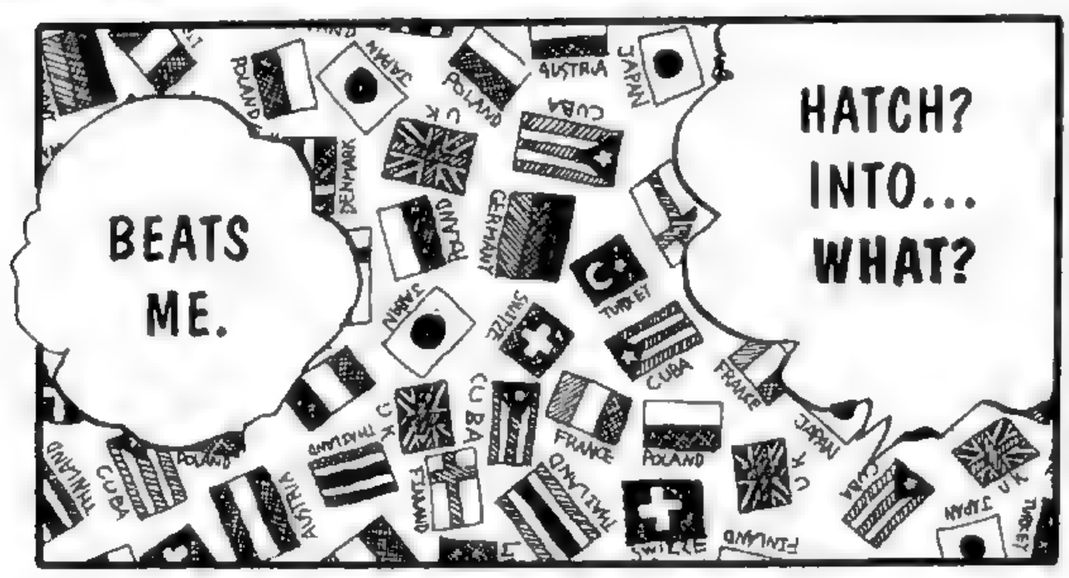
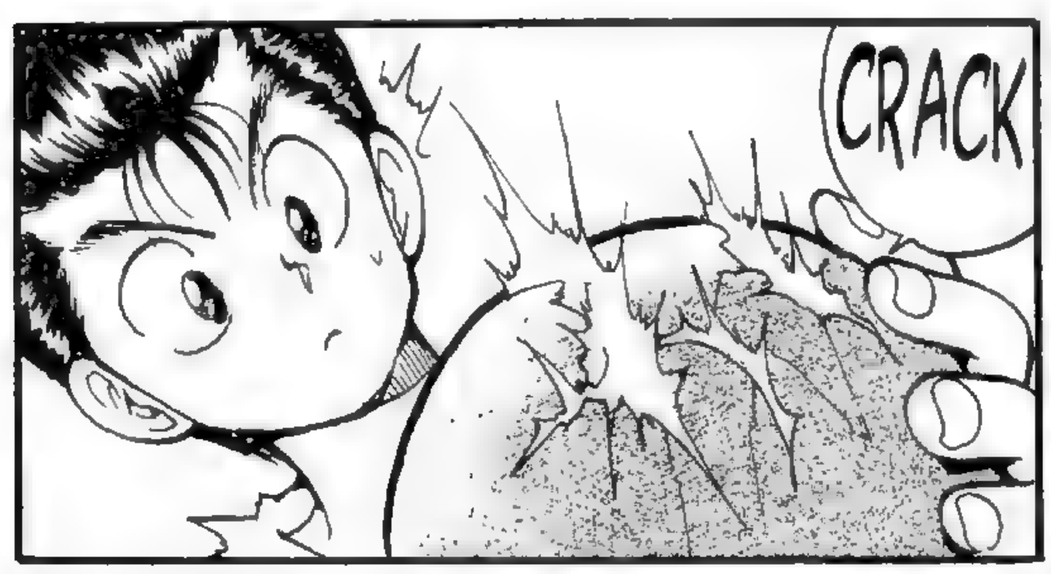
IN FACT, HERE IT IS!

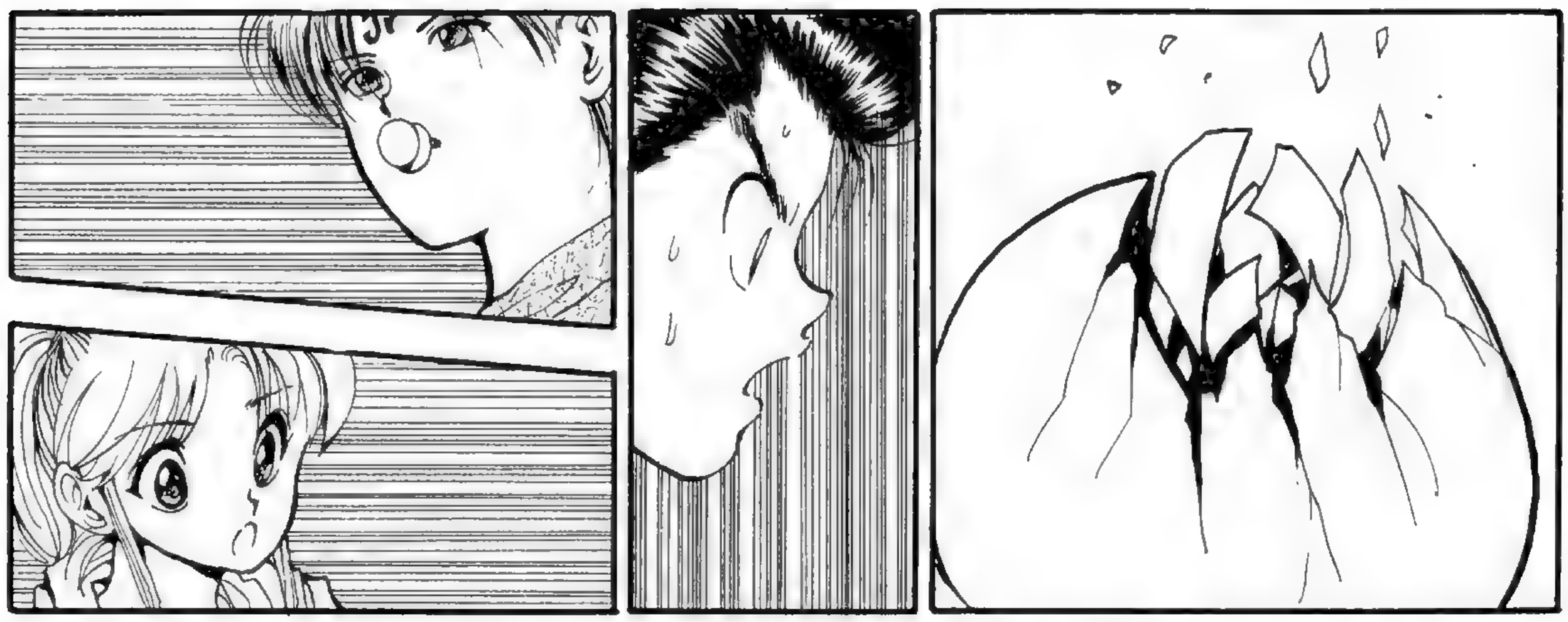
STOP BEING SO EASILY TAKEN BY SURPRISE!
STOP POPPING UP LIKE THAT!!

HUH?

IT LOOKS... **BIGGER,** DOESN'T IT?







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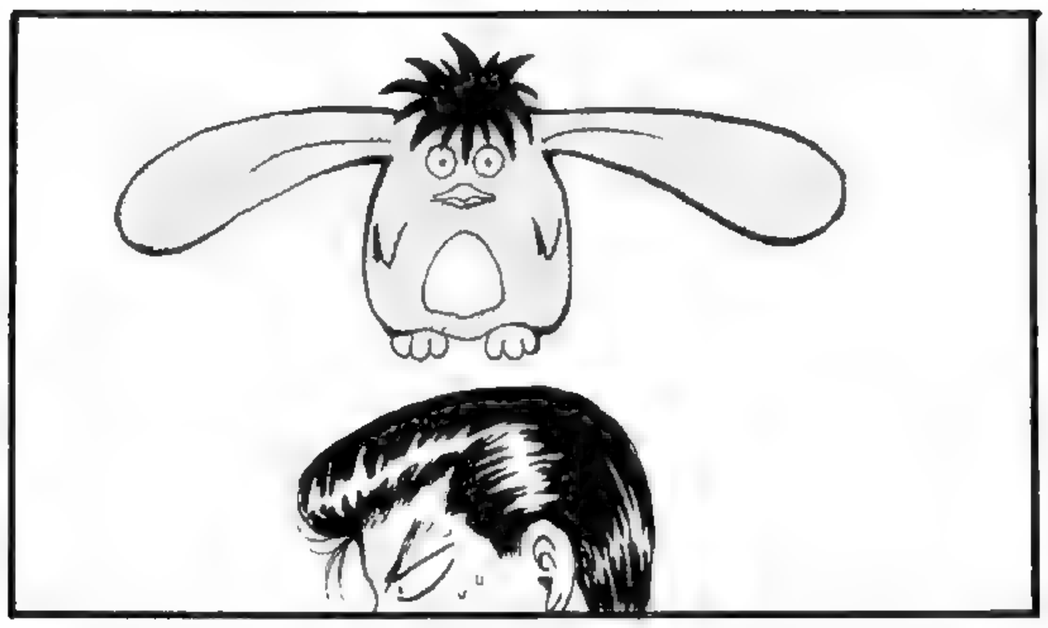
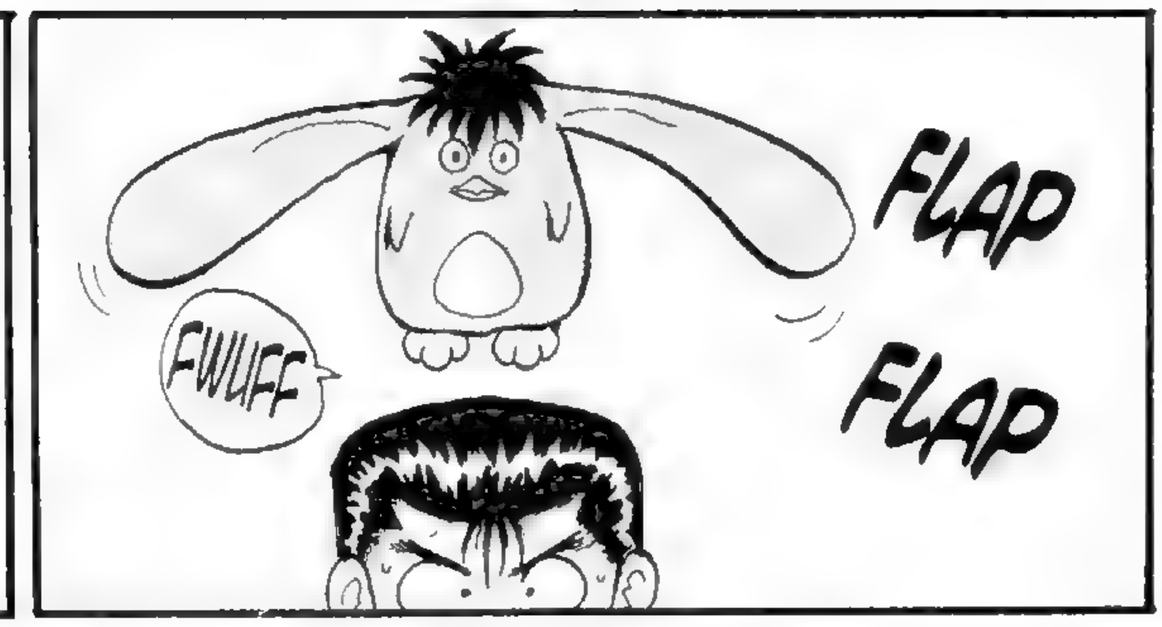
HEY! WHERE IS IT?!
HUH?!
THERE!!

PEEP!




FWUFF
FLAP
FLAP

...HEE HEE...
PFFT...

...I'M RELIEVED! IT'S NO DEVIL!
Jr
GOTTA SAY, YUSUKE ...
HEH HEH

I WAS THINKIN' IT'D LOOK LIKE THIS!
HEE HEE HEE!

HA HA... SUITS HIM!
THAT'S IN YUSUKE'S SOUL?! TOO CUTE!!

HA HA HA HA HA HA!!

ALL THAT... FOR THIS?!
OKAY, I'M RELIEVED... BUT PEEVED!!

OW! YOU DON'T GOTTA THUMP THAT HARD!

THAT'S THE DREADED DIRE BEAST?! HOKEY!!

BWA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!!

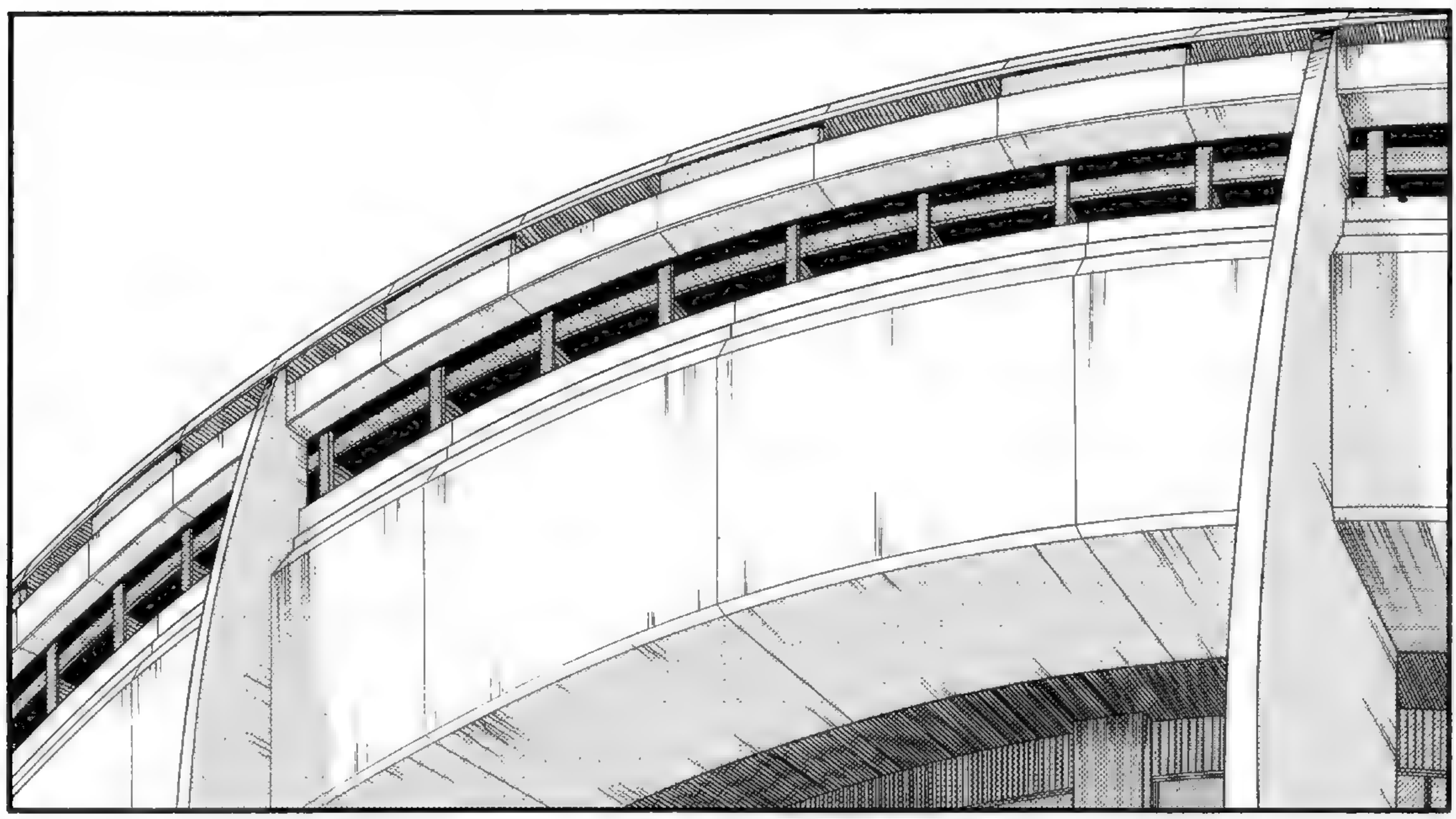
IF IT TAKES A DUMP UP THERE, I'LL—

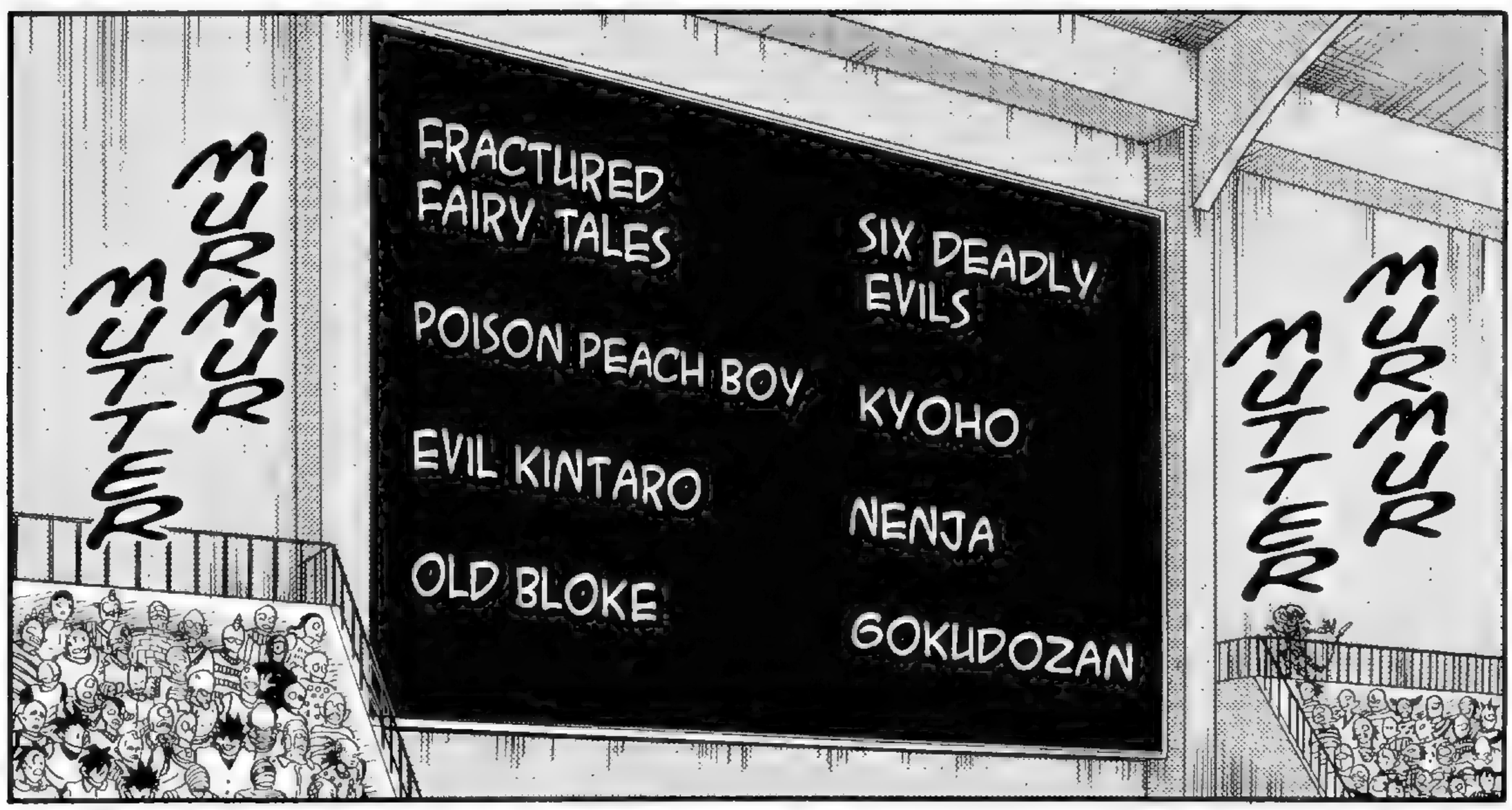
I SHOO IT AWAY, BUT IT KEEPS COMING BACK!

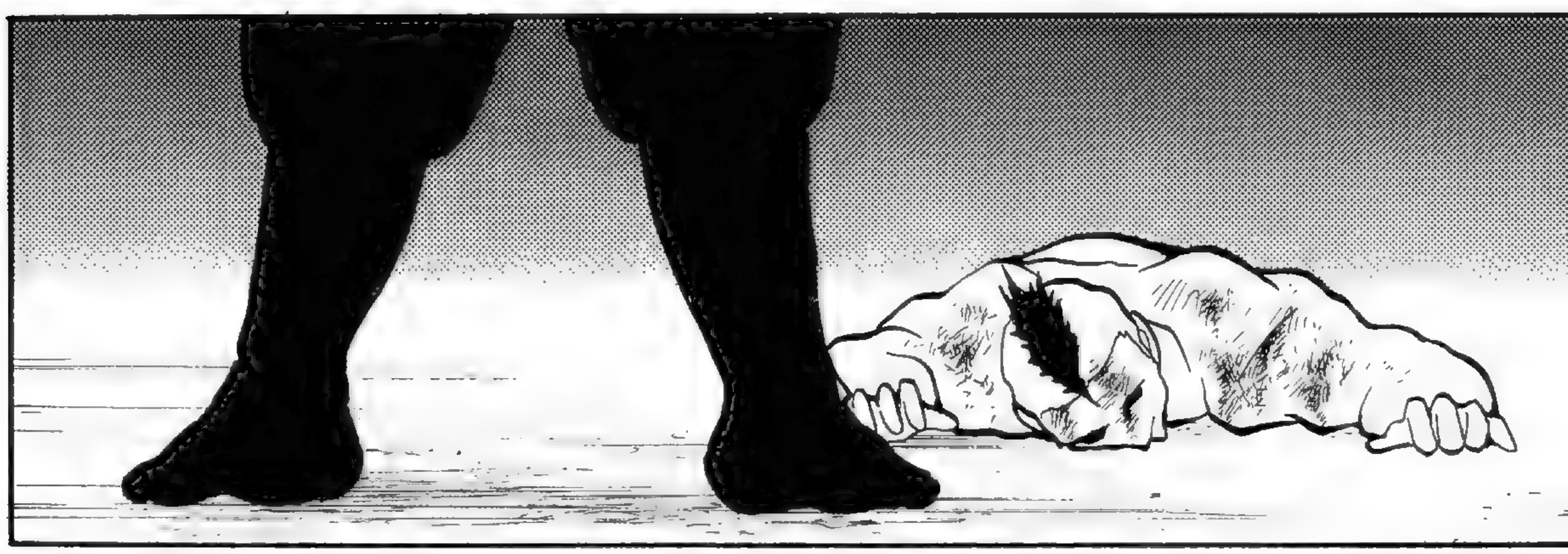
IT TAKES AFTER YOU, YA MORON.

IT SURE LOVES PERCHING ON YOUR HOLLOW HEAD!

...FIGHT IN ANY KIND OF ORDER! LYIN' BASTARDS!
SO THERE WAS NO REASON WE HAD TO...
...WE GOTTA DISCUSS THE SEMI-FINALS.
NEVER MIND...
THEY START PRETTY SOON, Y'KNOW.
YEP! I'D LIKE T' SEE WHOSE HEAD WE'RE GONNA BUST OPEN!
WANNA GO CHECK OUT THE COMPETITION?
SHUT UP!!
HA HA HA HA HA!
PFFT!
PEEP!



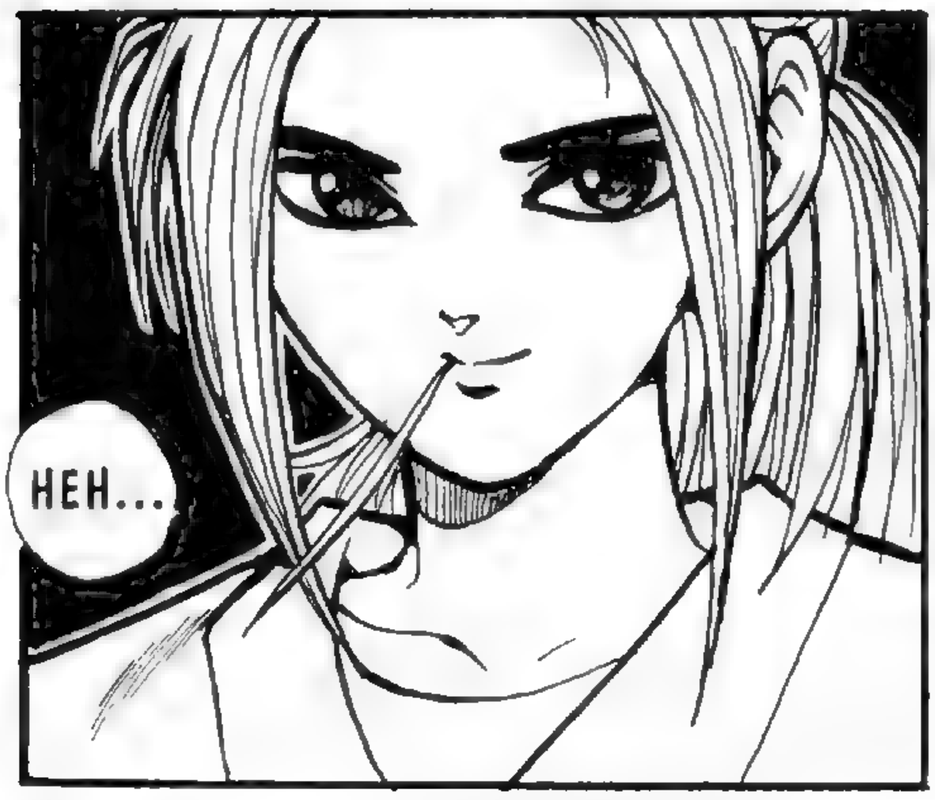

MURMUR
MUTTER
FRACTURED FAIRY TALES
POISON PEACH BOY
EVIL KINTARO
OLD BLOKE
SIX DEADLY EVILS
KYOHO
NENJA
GOKUDOZAN
MURMUR
MUTTER

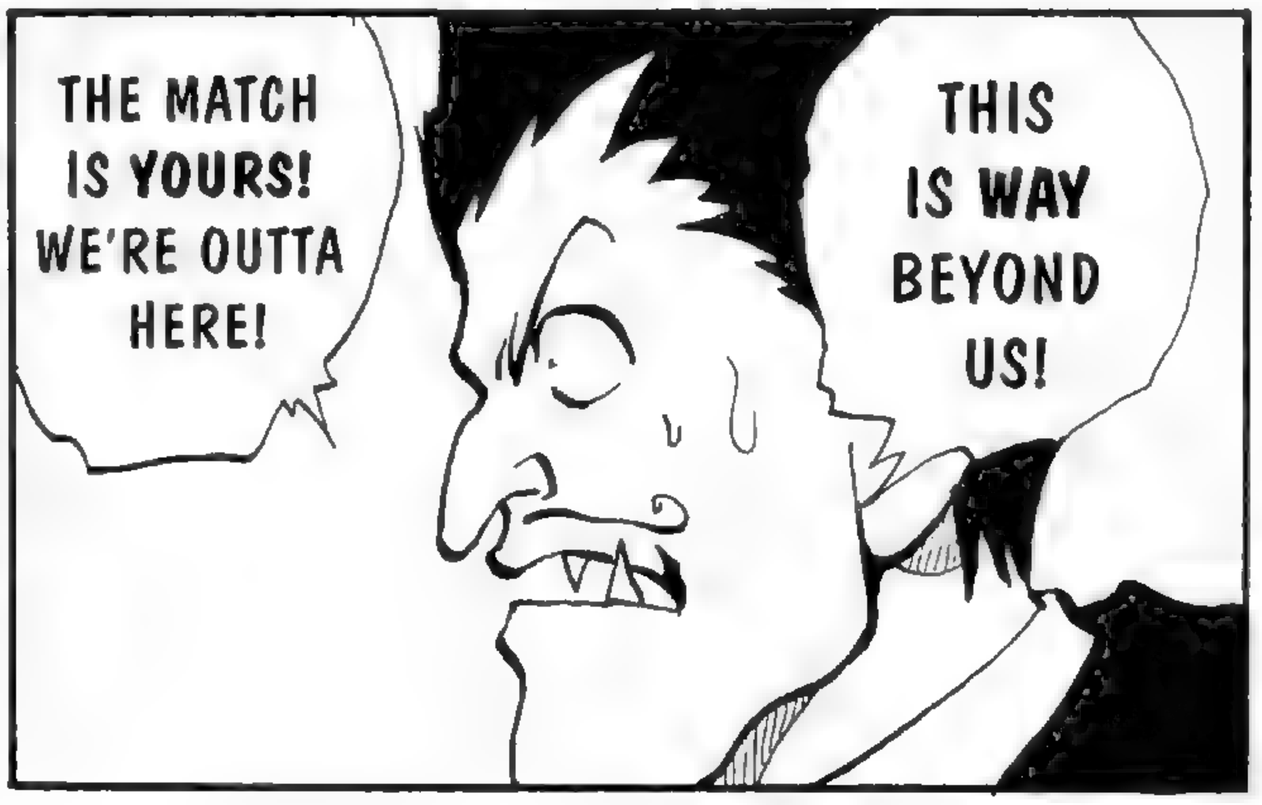


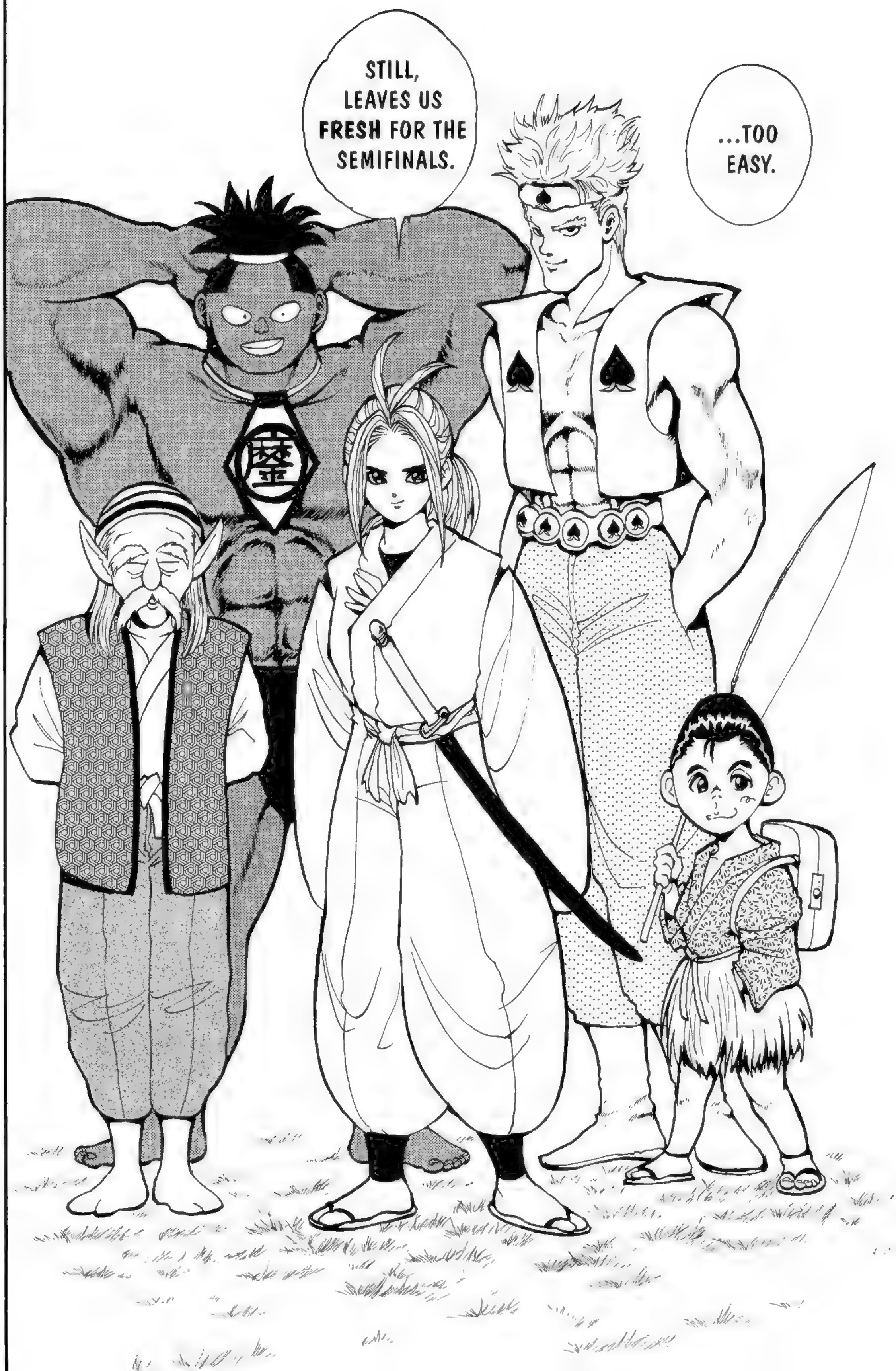
...AND THAT BOUT'S OVER AND DONE WITH!
WHOA! TWO MINUTES...

...WE'VE GOT THIS ROUND IN THE BAG!
AS YOU CAN SEE, GENTLEMEN...

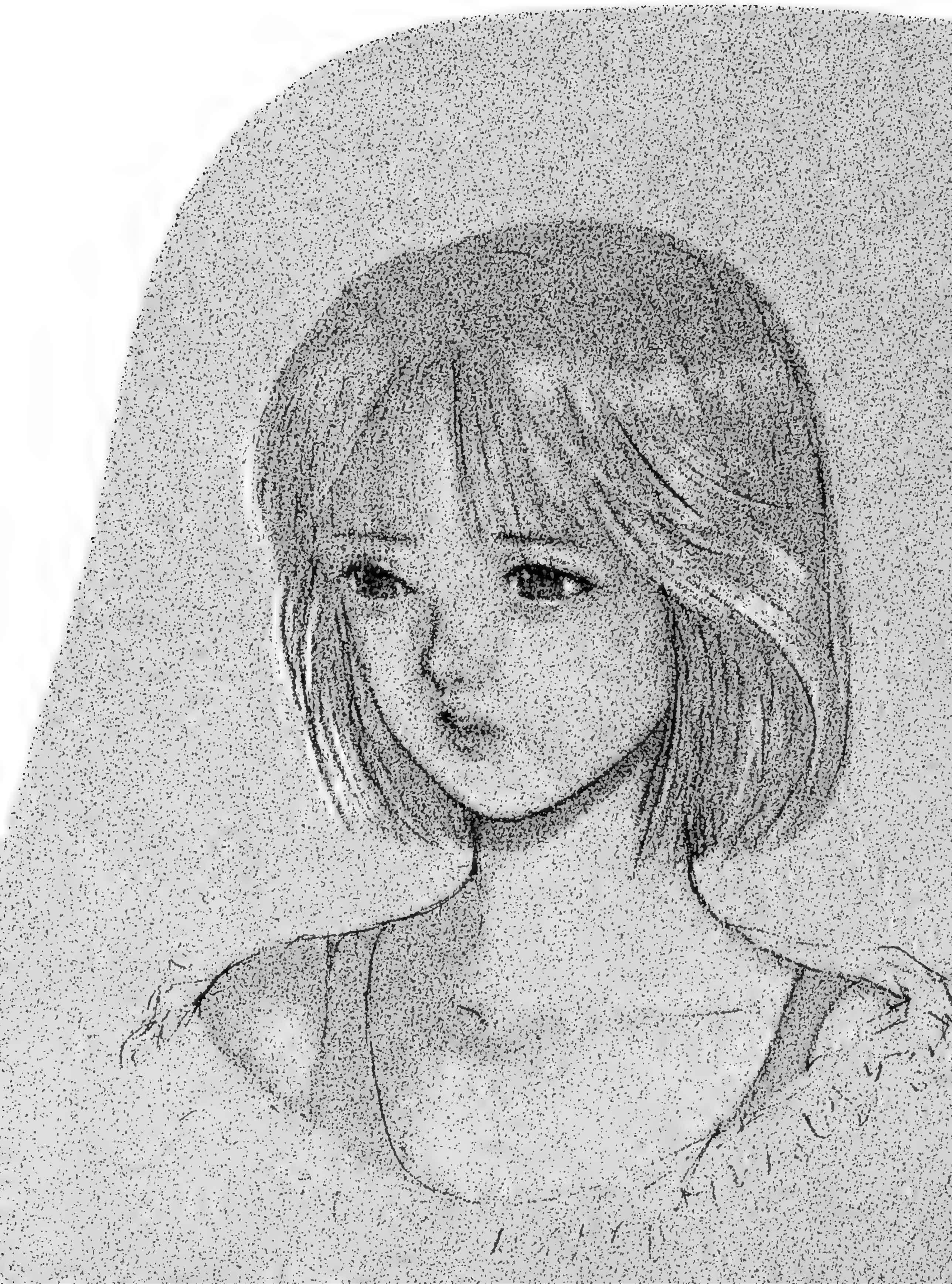
YOU'RE RIGHT!
ULP!


HEH...

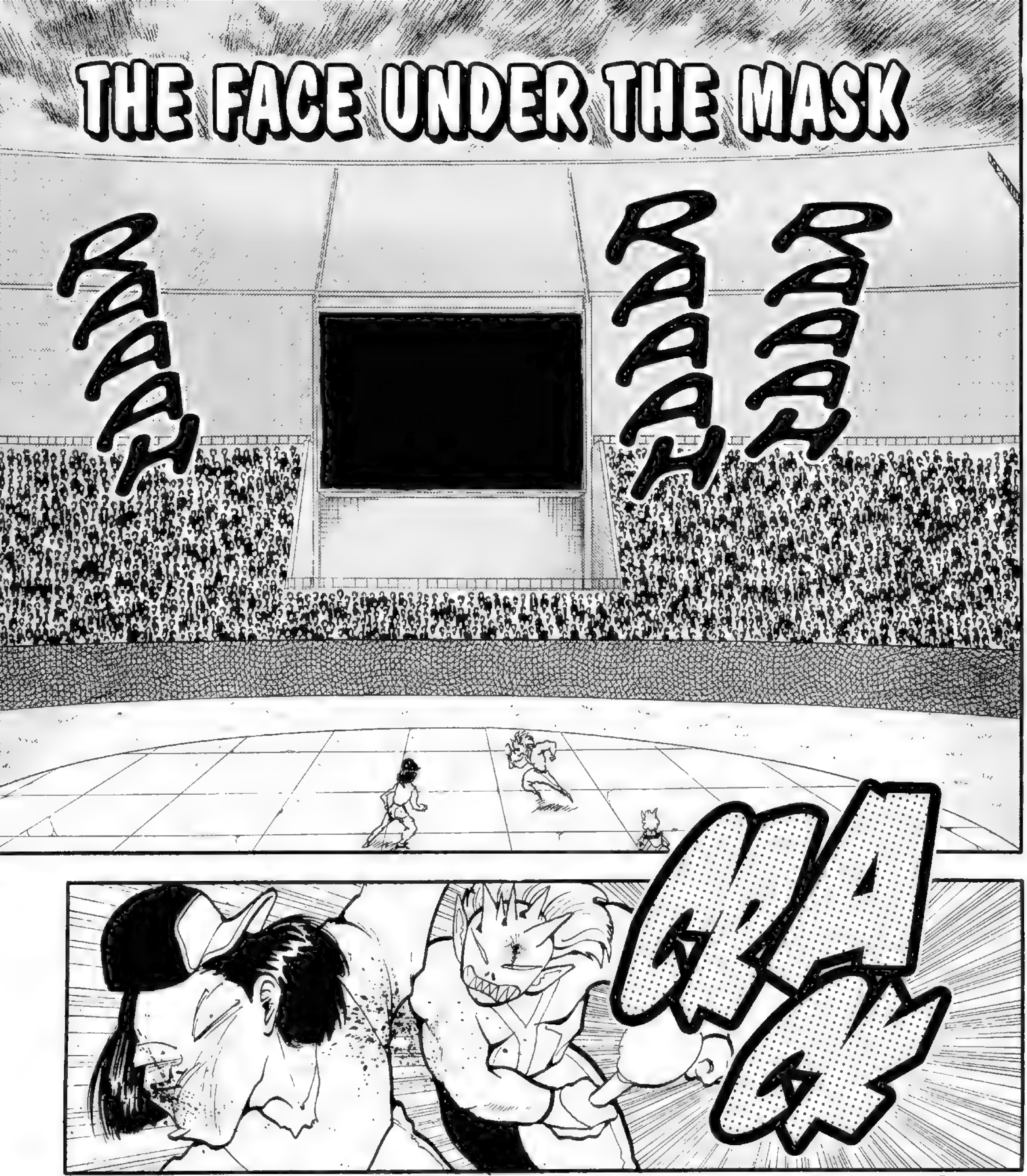

THE MATCH IS YOURS! WE'RE OUTTA HERE!
THIS IS WAY BEYOND US!

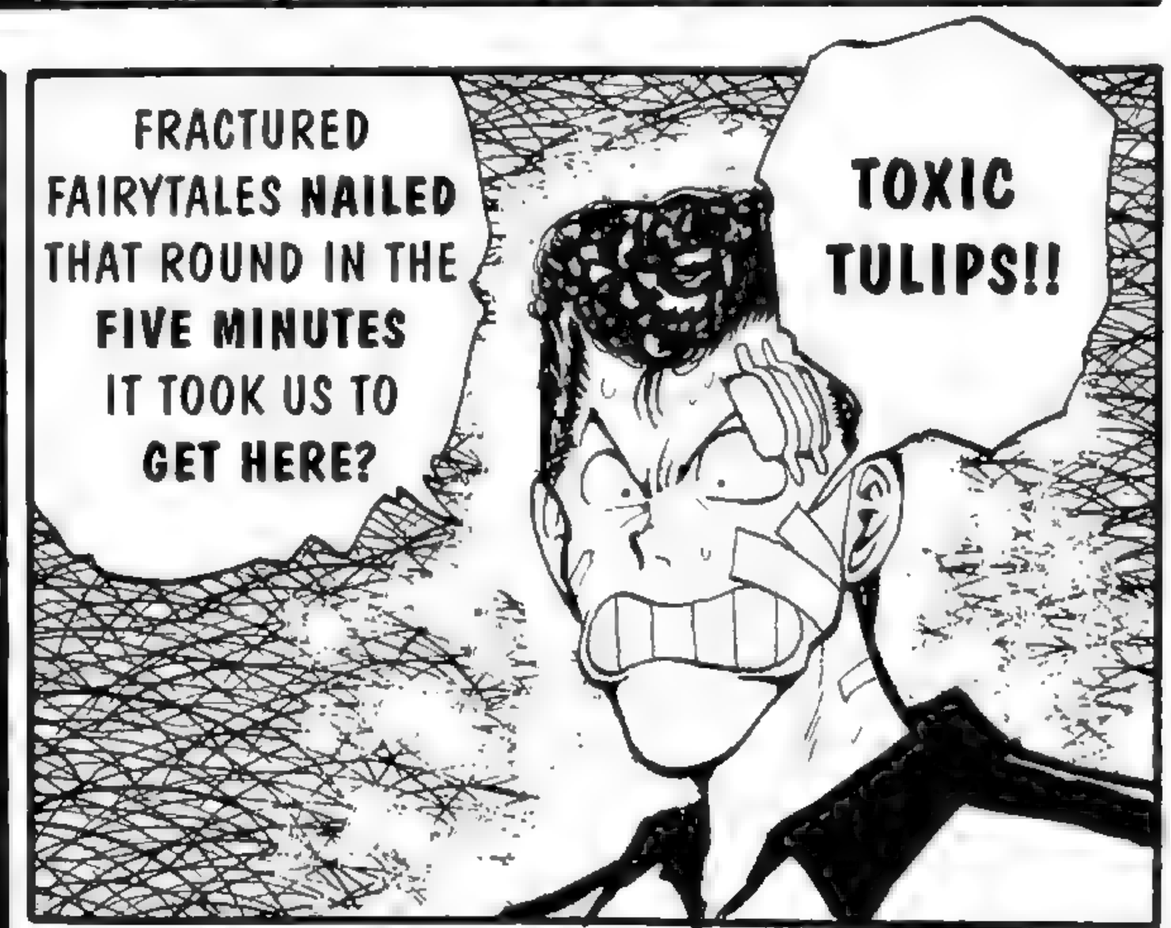

STILL, LEAVES US FRESH FOR THE SEMIFINALS.
...TOO EASY.

AND FOR YOU!
YEAH, RIGHT.



THE FACE UNDER THE MASK





NO! THAT I COULD GET RID OF!

WHAT'S THAT? A GIFT FROM YOUR GIRLFRIEND?

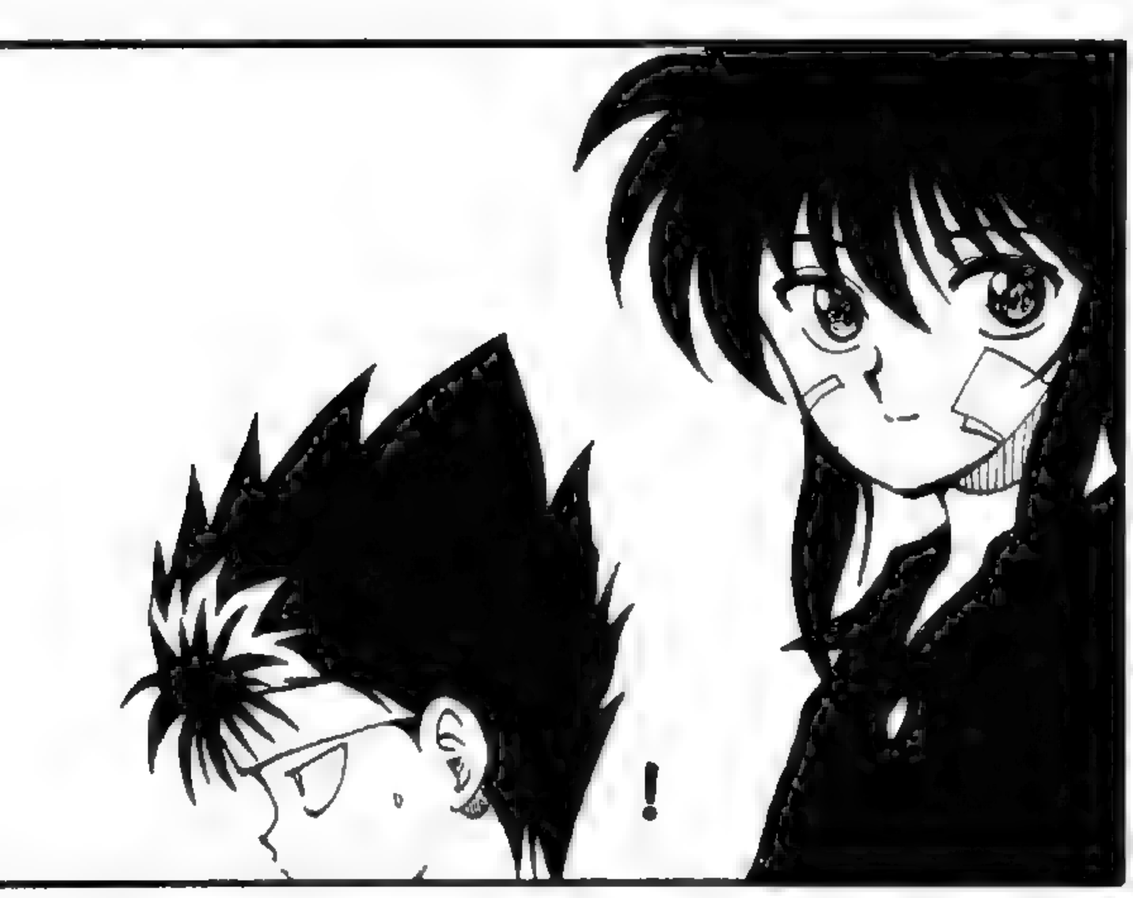
TRYING NOT TO LAUGH.

DON'T STARE! Y'WANNA GET KILLED?!

MURMUR

YOW! IT'S TEAM URAMESHI!

MURMUR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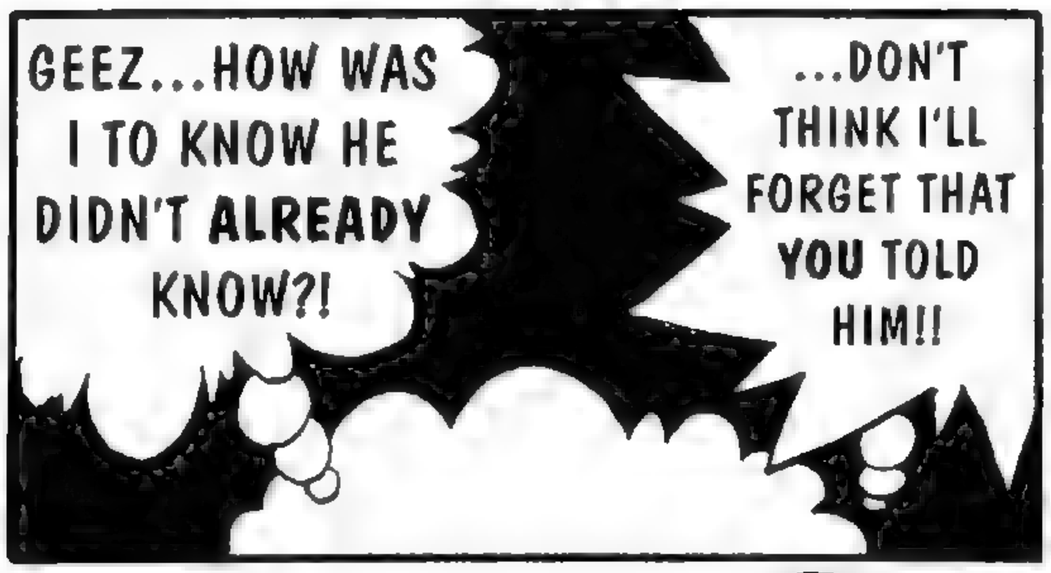
YOUR HERBS AN' HER HEALING POWERS SHOULD FIX YOU RIGHT UP!
HEY, KURAMA, YOU SHOULD GO SEE YUKINA!

...EH, HIEI?
SOUNDS LIKE A BIG JOB! MAYBE WE COULD PITCH IN...
WHEN THIS TOURNAMENT'S DONE, I'M GONNA HELP HER!
'COURSE, SHE SAID SHE'S REALLY HERE TO FIND HER BROTHER!


GEEZ...HOW WAS I TO KNOW HE DIDN'T ALREADY KNOW?!
...DON'T THINK I'LL FORGET THAT YOU TOLD HIM!!

BLABBED TO KURAMA.
UM...
YUSUKE...

!
EXIT
OOOOF!
OVER THERE! IT'S THEM!!

THE FACE
UNDER THE MASK

WHAT'RE THEY LOOKIN' AT?!

TEAM TOGURO!!

WHO ELSE?!

TEAM URAMESHI!!

TO-GU-RO!

TO-GU-RO!

WOOT WOOT, TOGURO!!

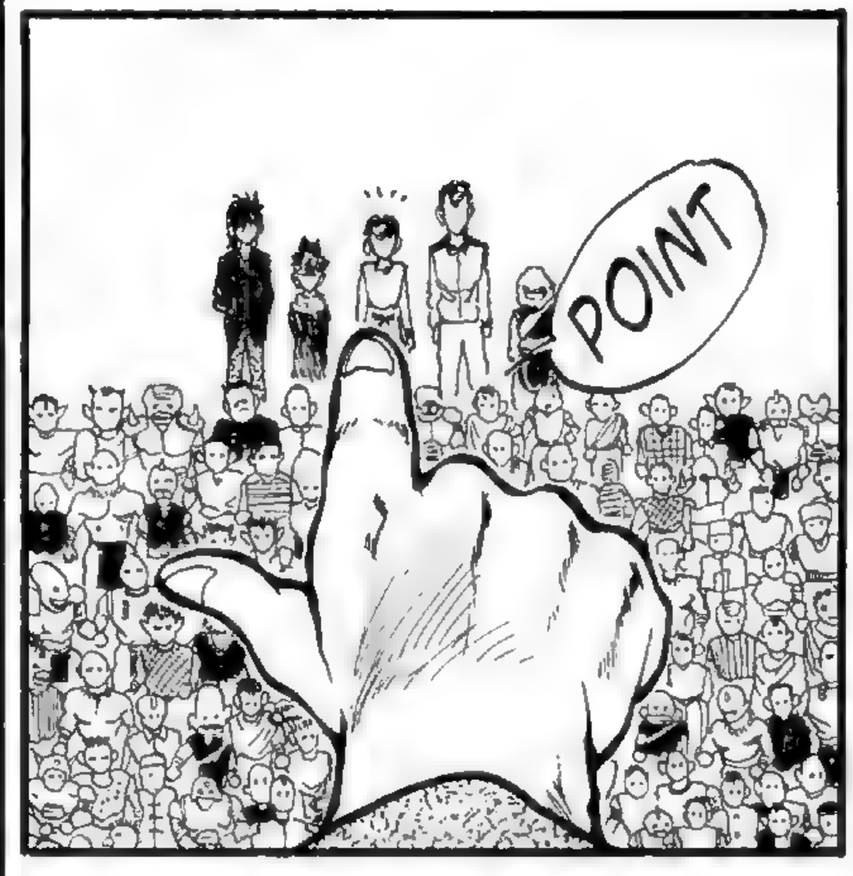
TO-GU-RO!

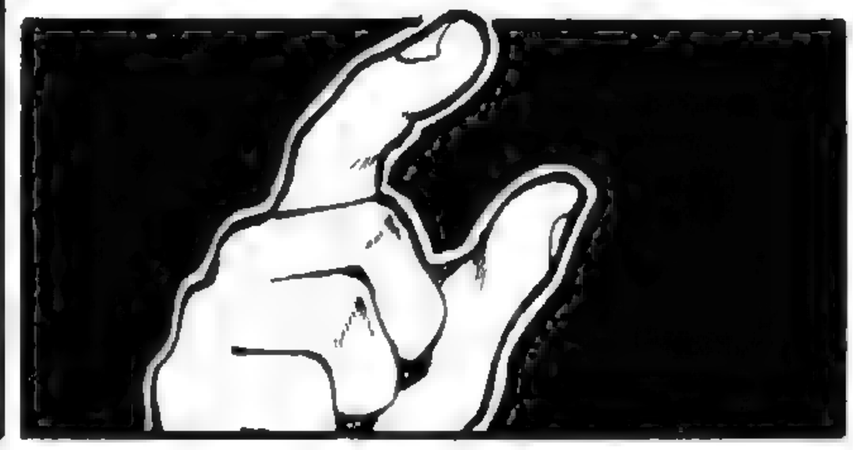
TO-GU-RO!

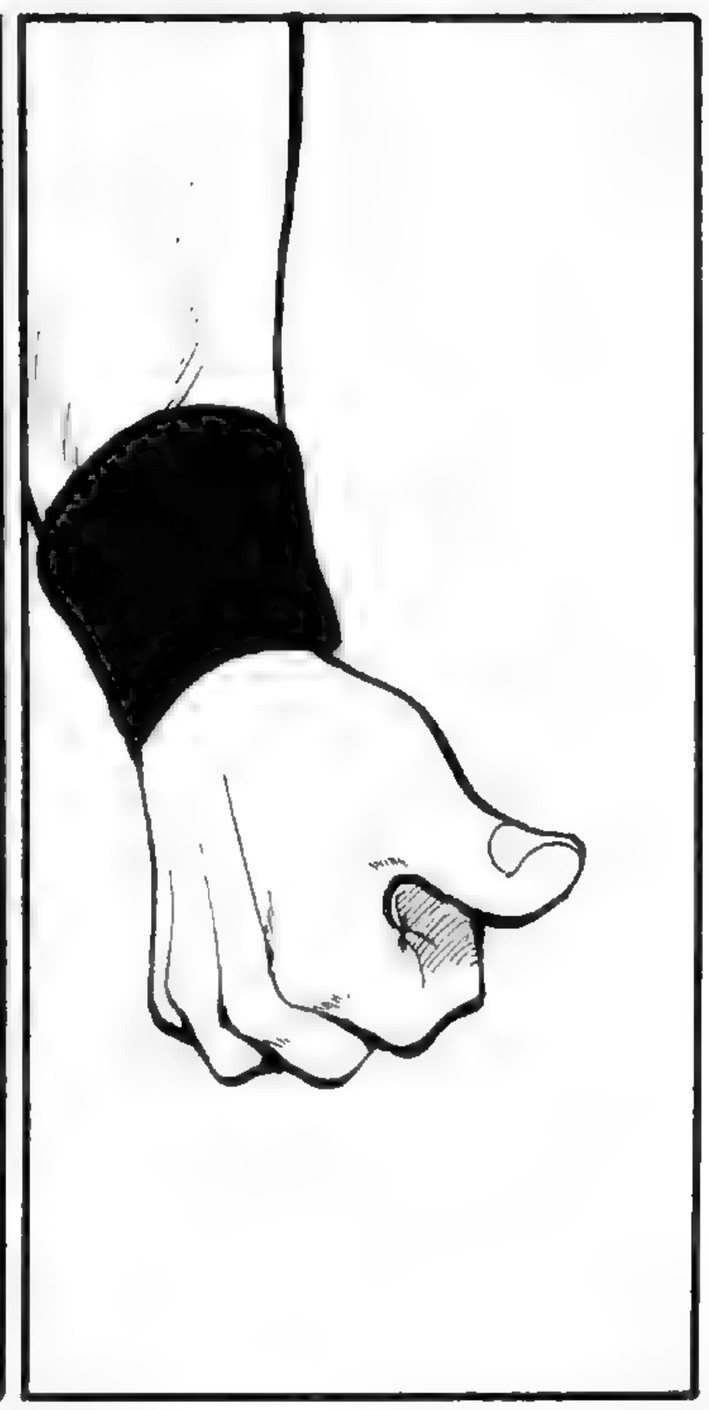
ARE YOU READY...

...TO MEET MY EXPECTA-TIONS?

TAP TAP







...HOLY SHEESH...
...AT THAT MANSION WE...

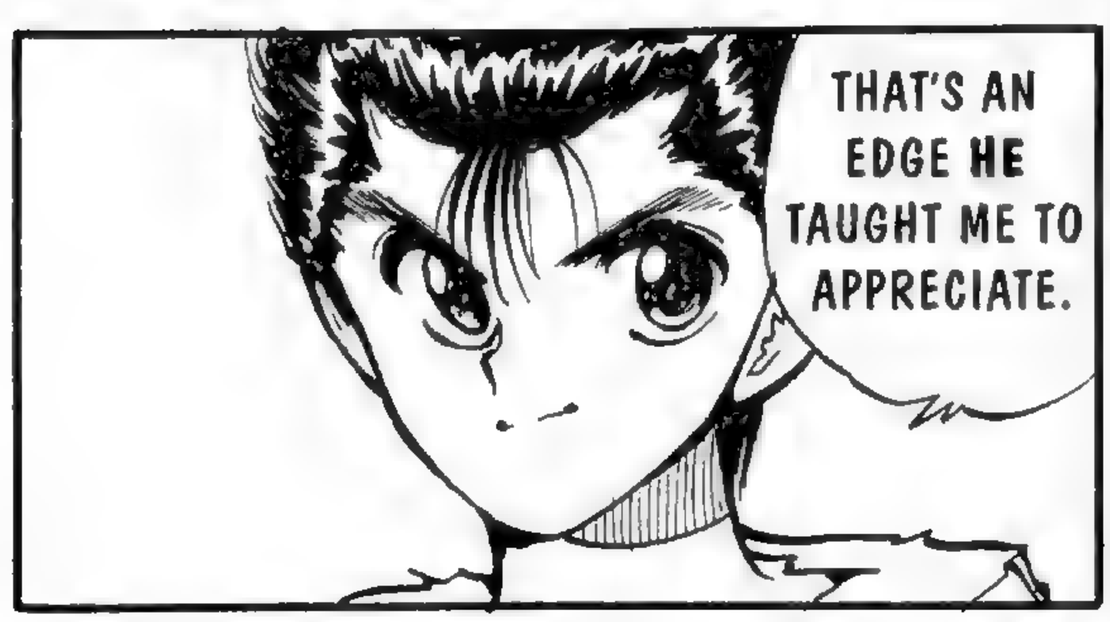
...I MEAN, I ACTUALLY FOUGHT THAT GUY?!

.....
WHOO BOY...
...IT JUST HIT ME THAT...

SEE GN VOL. 6.

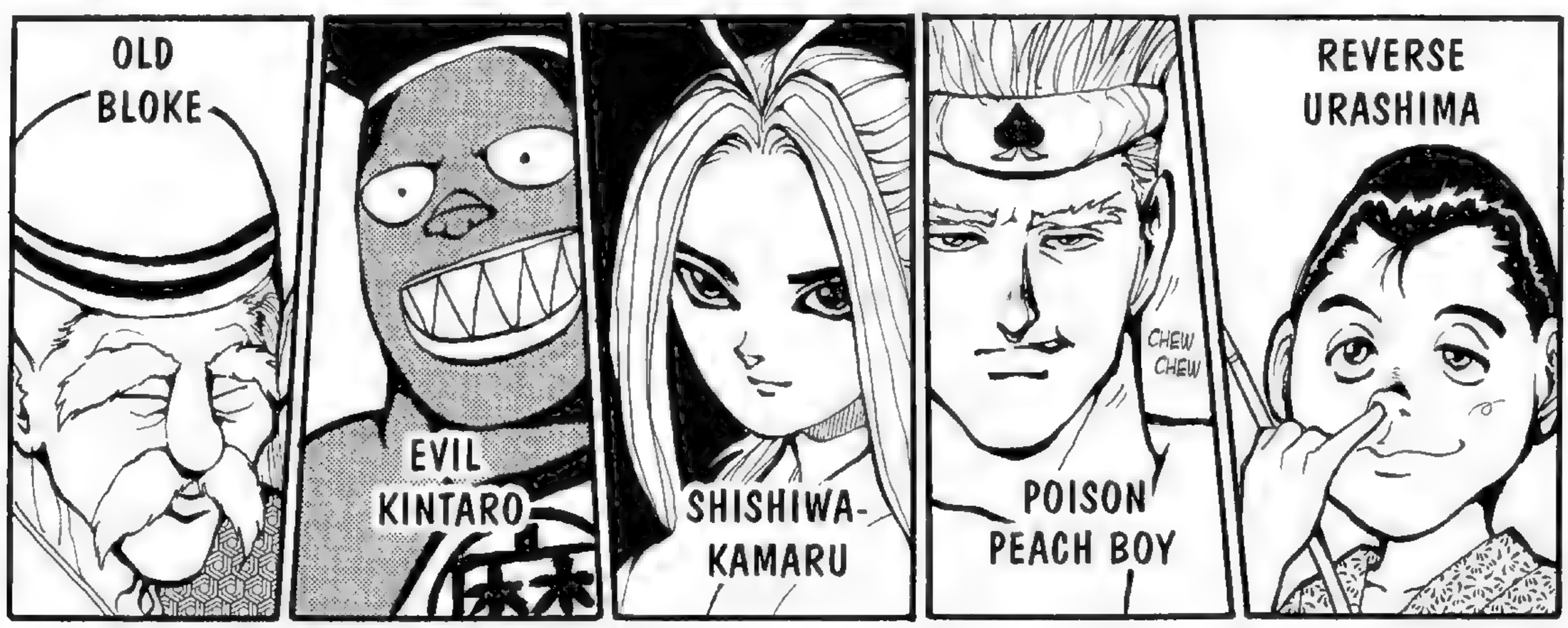
.....

SO YOU KNOW MORE ABOUT HIM THAN HE KNOWS ABOUT YOU!


THAT'S AN EDGE HE TAUGHT ME TO APPRECIATE.

...YOU'VE GOTTEN STRONGER, BUT I DOUBT HE HAS!
AND LEARNED WHAT HE CAN DO. SINCE THEN...

HEY, DON'T GET AHEAD OF YOURSELF... OR US!
EXIT
HEE HEE...
HEH HEH


OLD BLOKE
EVIL KINTARO
SHISHIWA-KAMARU
CHEW CHEW
POISON PEACH BOY
REVERSE URASHIMA

HUH?

THINK YOU FIGHT ON THE SIDE OF RIGHT, EH?
HEH HEH
PTWOO

WE'RE HERE TO BUILD OUR REP...YOU'RE JUST A BUMP ALONG THE WAY.

...I DOUBT YOU CLOWNS...
FROM WHAT I SEE...

...A REP ON!
...HAVE GOT ANYTHING TO BUILD...

DON'T LET
APPEARANCES
FOOL YOU!

...HEE
HEE.
SEE YA
SOON...

?!
PSST
YUSUKE
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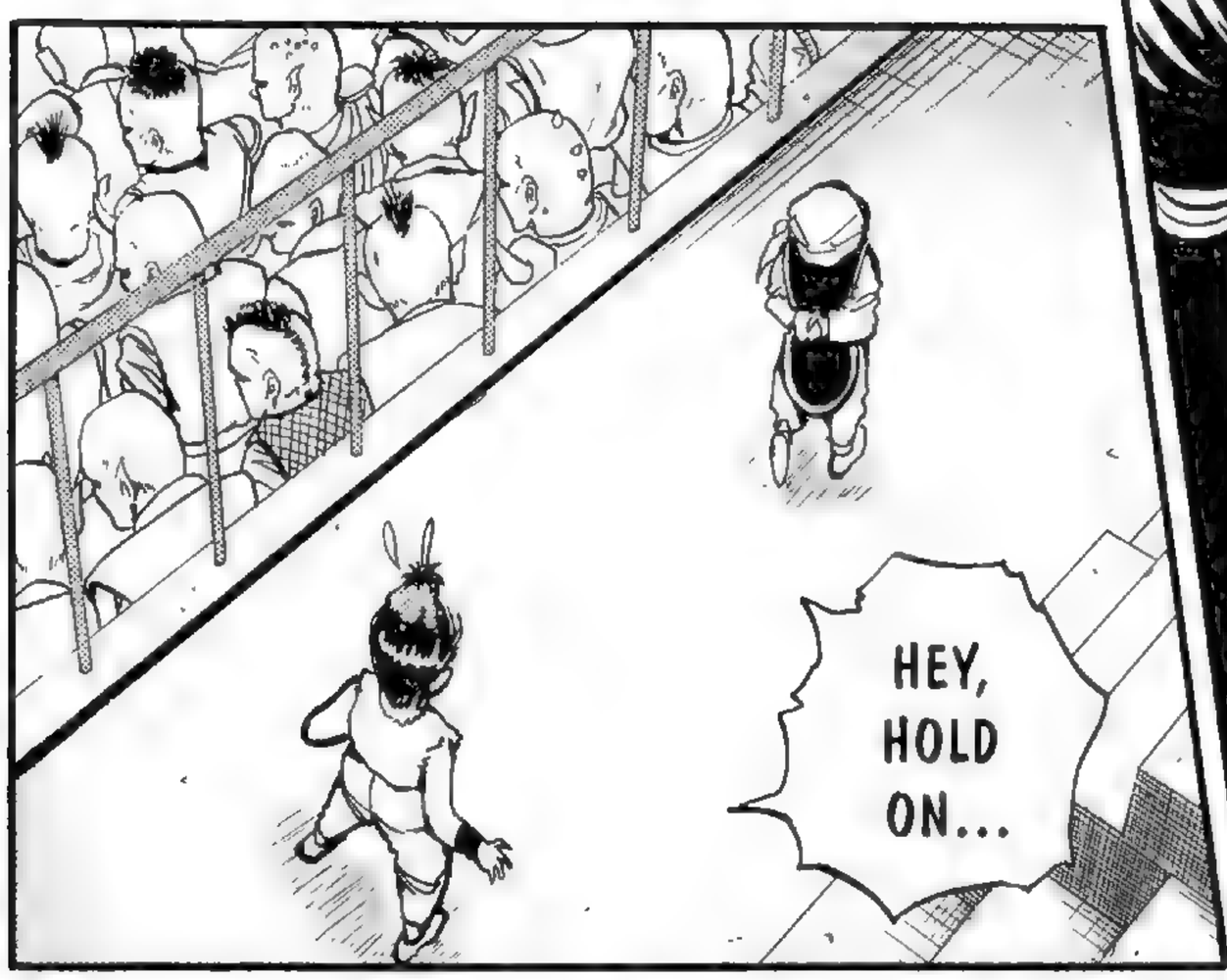
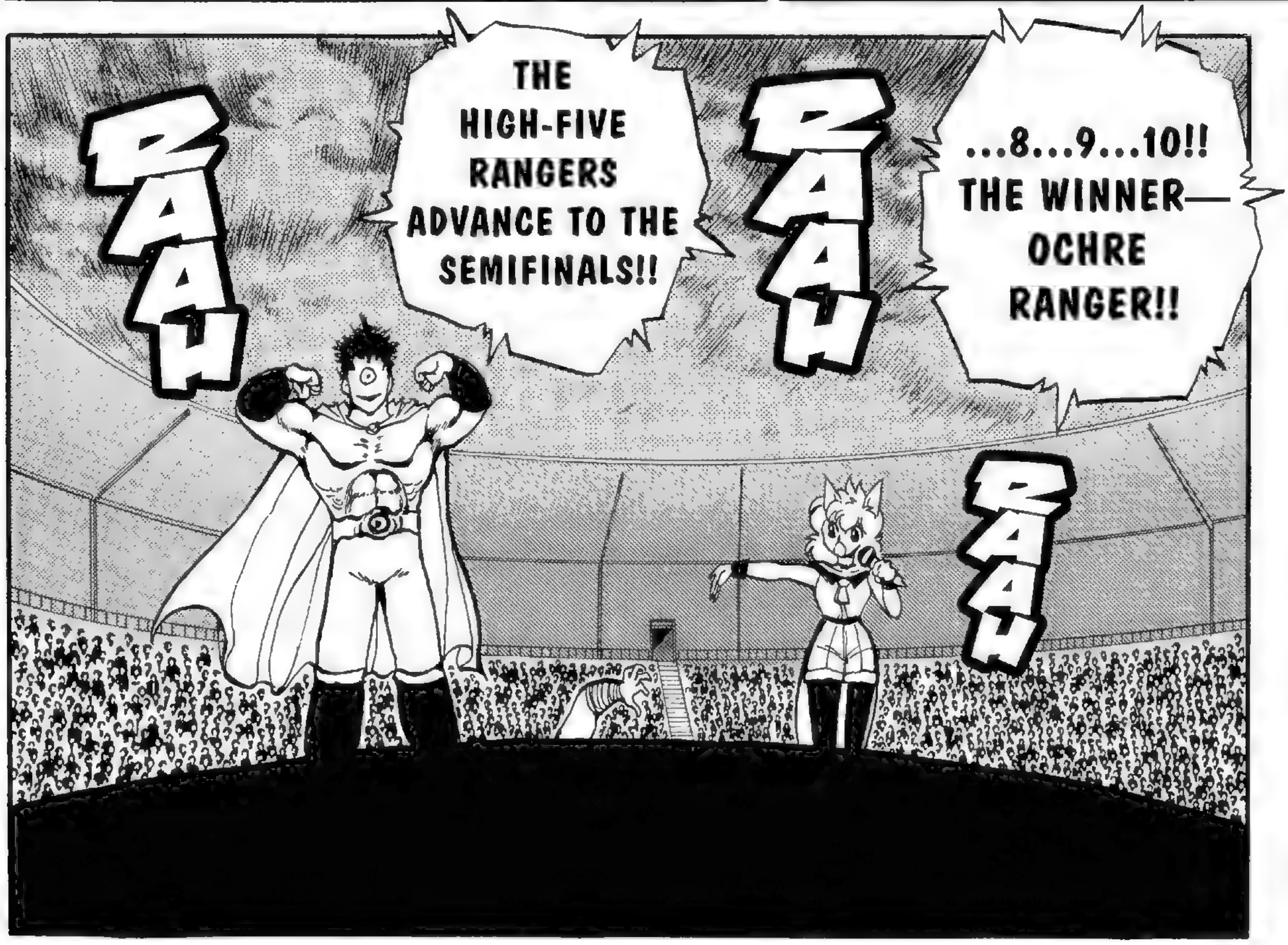
FEH!
THEY'RE
MAGGOTS
NEXT TO
TOGURO.

A
WORD,
IF I
MAY...?


HEY, HOLD ON...

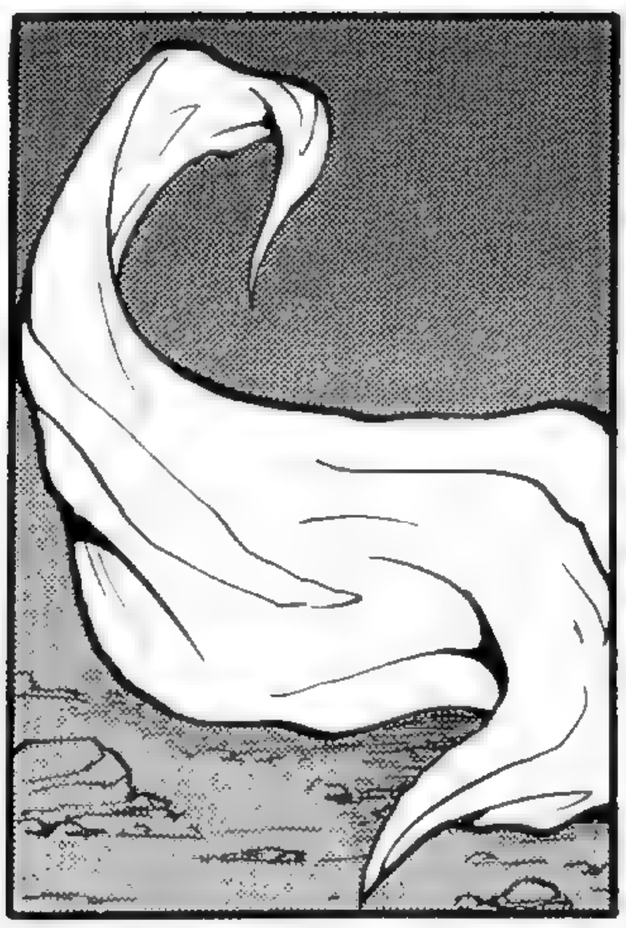
...YOUR VOICE, IT'S...

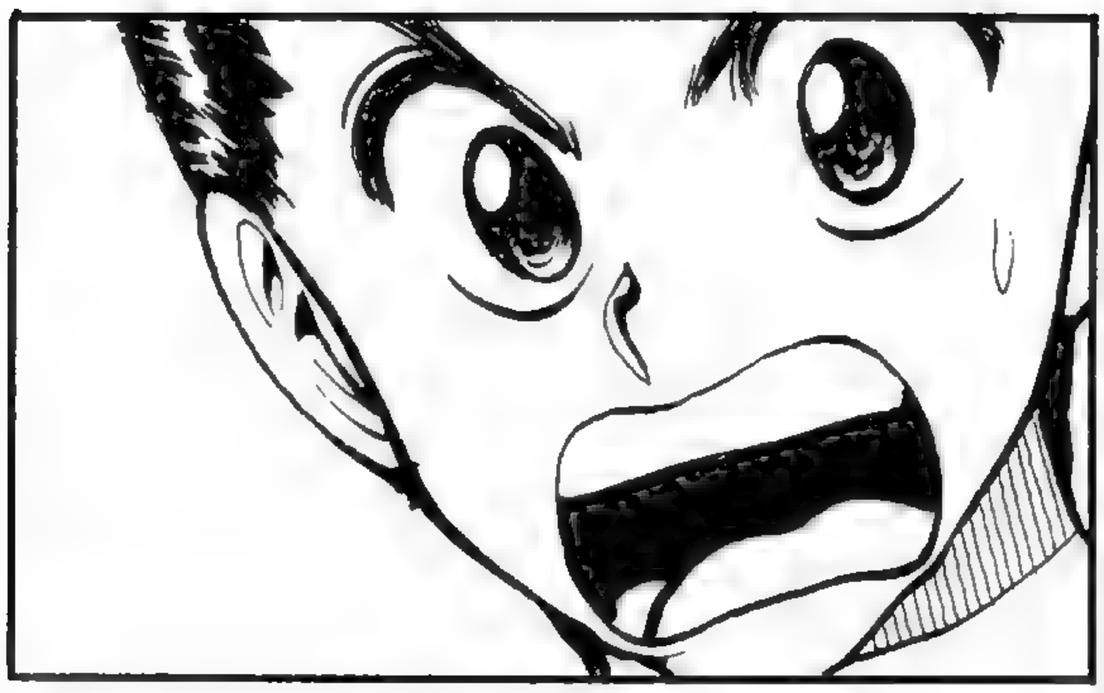

RAAH
THE HIGH-FIVE RANGERS ADVANCE TO THE SEMIFINALS!!
RAAH
...8...9...10!! THE WINNER— OCHRE RANGER!!
RAAH

THERE ARE REASONS I DIDN'T TELL YOU RIGHT AWAY.

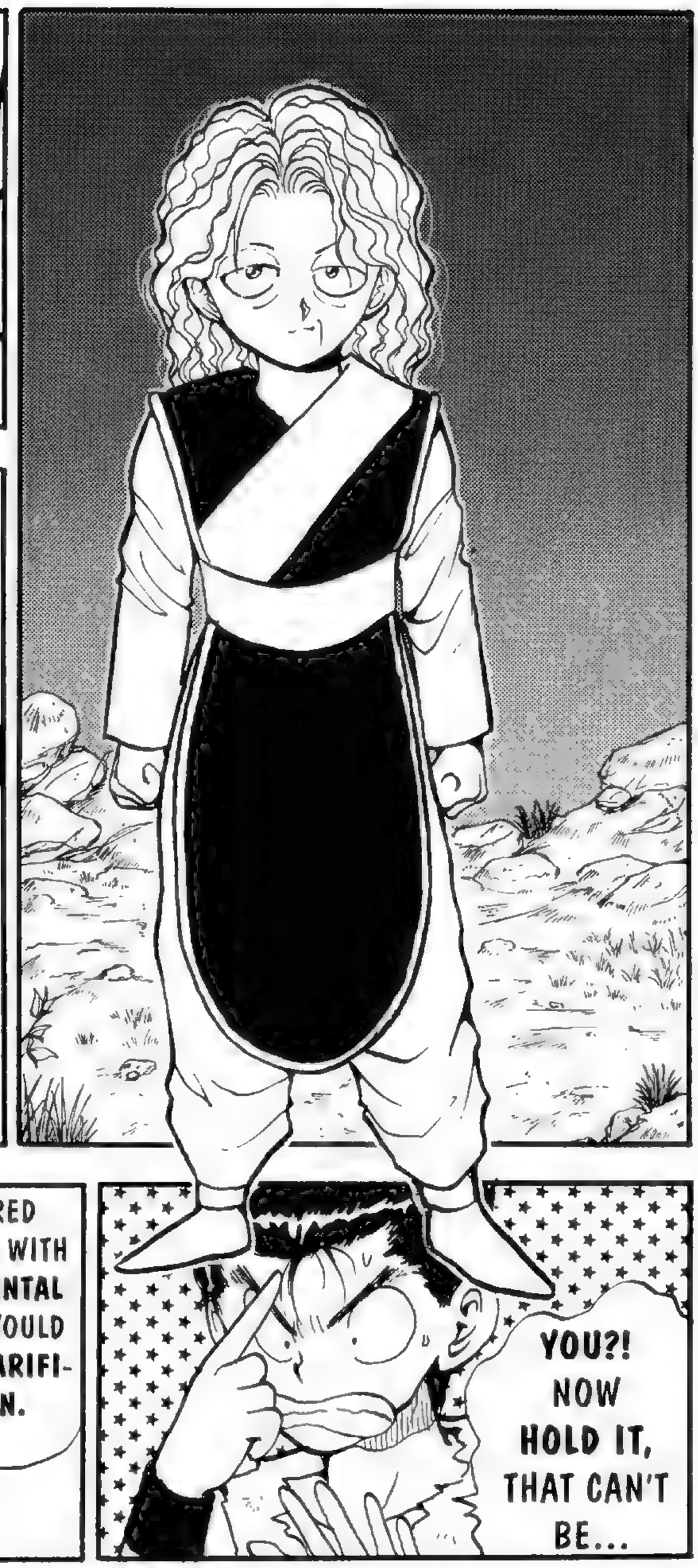
...THE TIME WAS RIGHT FOR THIS.

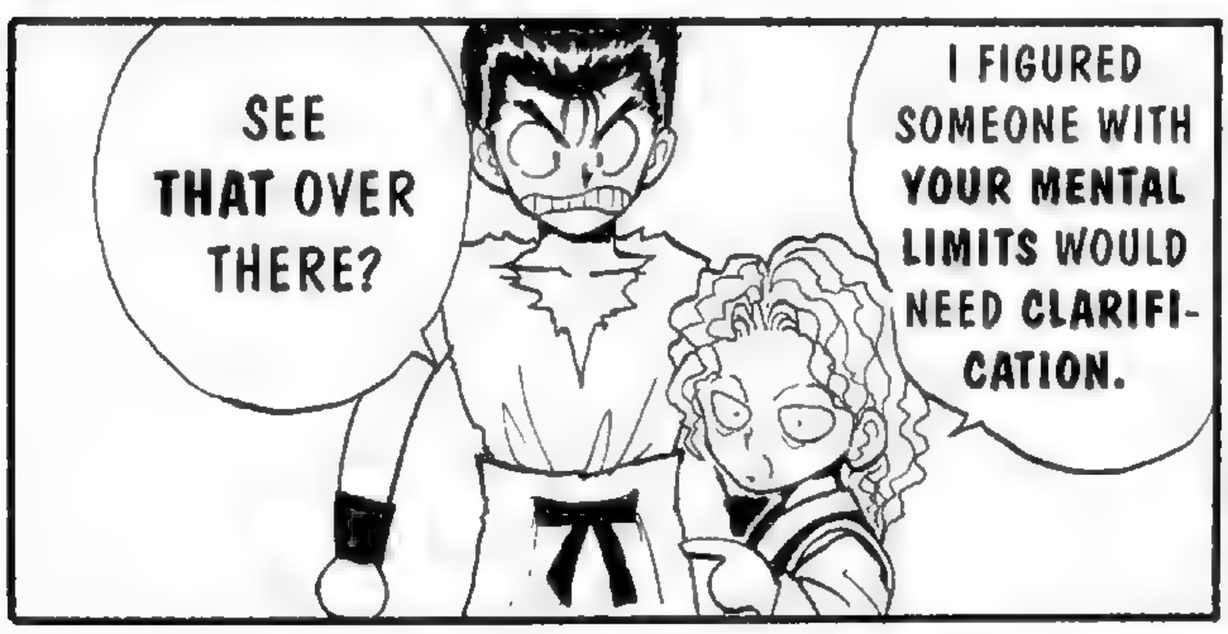
MAINLY, I WANTED TO BE SURE...

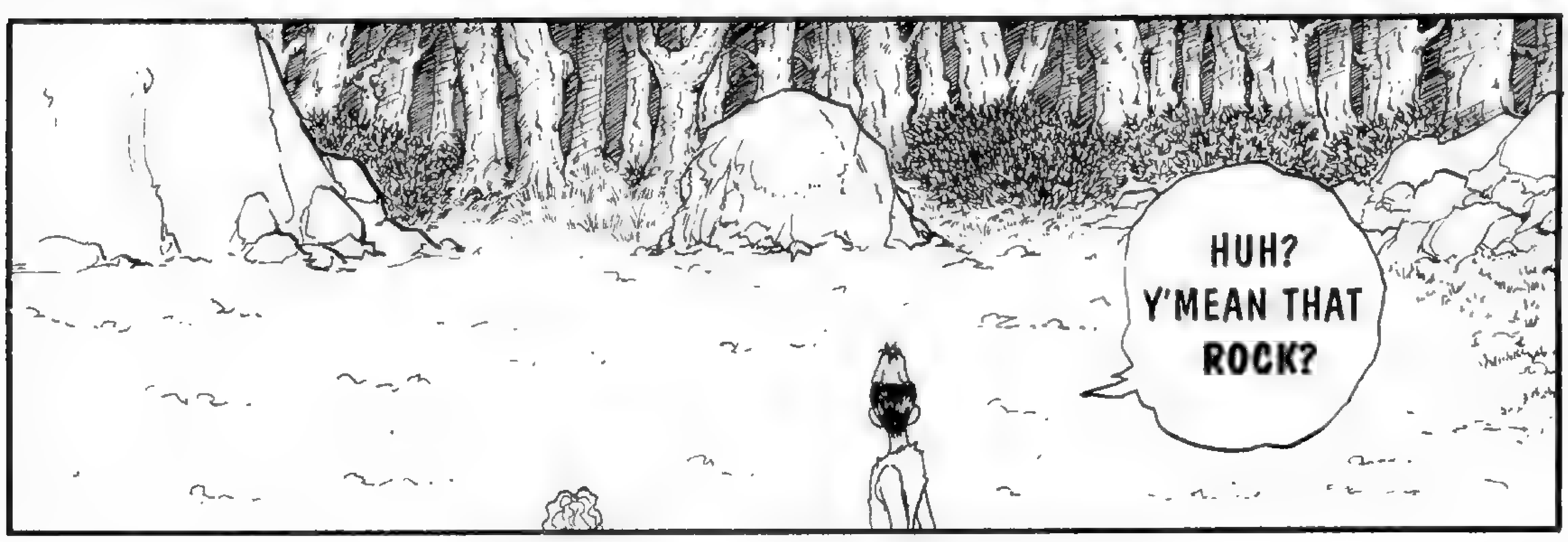




GENKAI! SO IT IS YOU!!
SHE WAS ME, YUSUKE.
BUT WHAT ABOUT THAT GIRL?! HOW'D YOU AND SHE—


YOU?! NOW HOLD IT, THAT CAN'T BE...


SEE THAT OVER THERE?
I FIGURED SOMEONE WITH YOUR MENTAL LIMITS WOULD NEED CLARIFICATION.


HUH? Y'MEAN THAT ROCK?

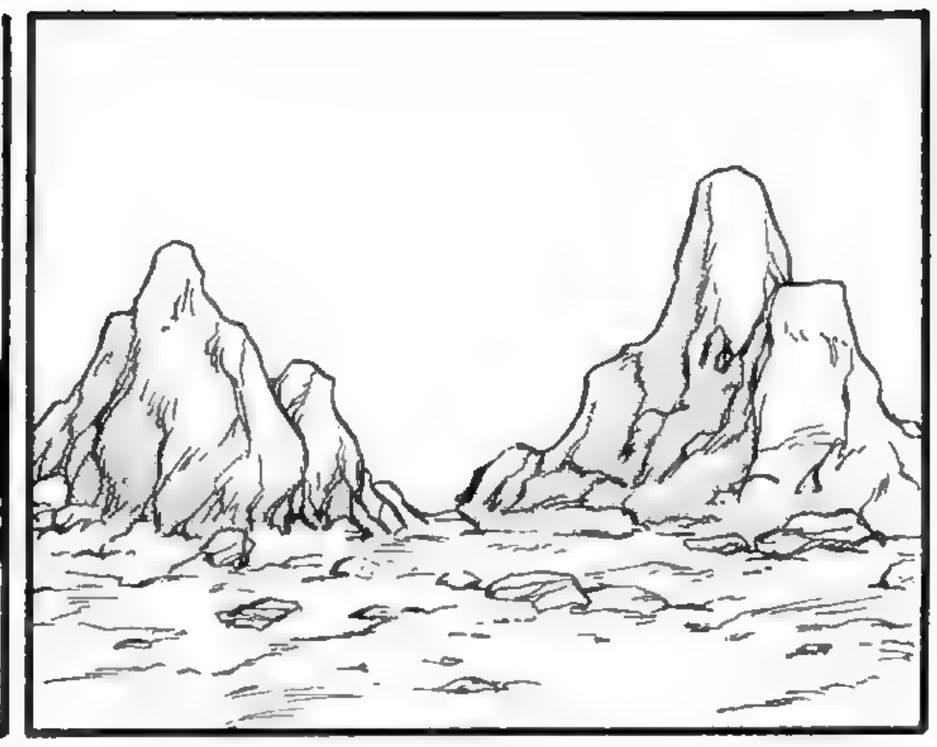
STOP BEING A PIGHEADED OAF AND DO IT!
YOU COULDN'T JUST ANSWER ...

YES. FIRE YOUR REIGUN AT IT.
GIVE IT FULL POWER.

PEEEE
OKAY, OKAY! FULL POWER, HUH? YOU GOT IT!

MB BOOM
HIYAH !!

WHAT A SHOT! I'M HOT!!
THERE YA GO.



WATCH AND LEARN, PIPSQUEAK ...
WHY ALL THIS NOW, AFTER...?
I GUESS YOU COULD DO BETTER?!

A CAP PISTOL COULD DO AS MUCH.
FEH!

BOOM
?!
SHE'S KIDDING! SHE'S GONNA FIRE AT THAT?!

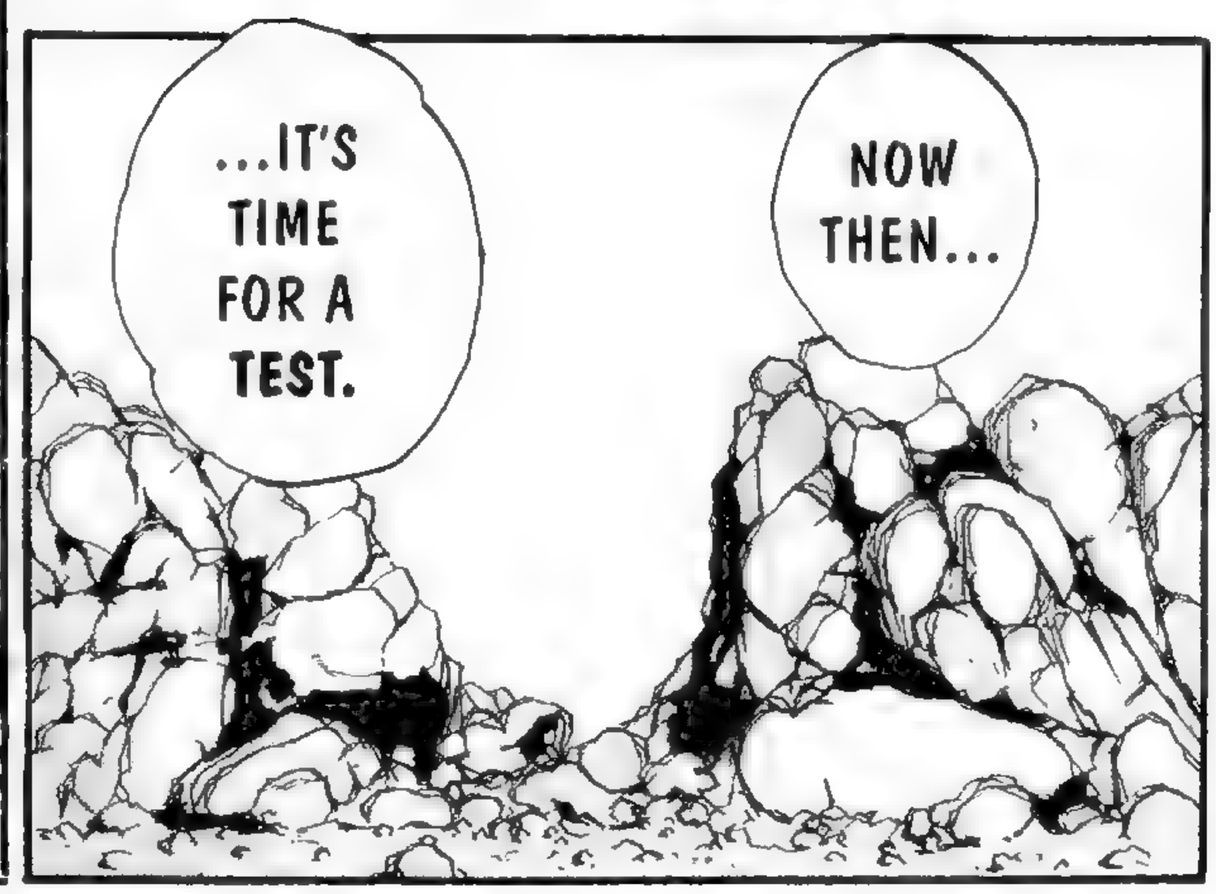
...AND, FOR THAT MATTER, ME!
...AGAINST TOGURO...
...BECAUSE HERE'S WHY YOU'D LOSE...
!!
POW

BIG
IMPACT

RRRUMBLE

...THE CELLS REVITALIZE, THE BODY REJUVENATES ...

WHEN REIKI IS FULLY REALIZED...



Myth
HAKUSHO
TM

R'R'R'U'U'UMMMBLE!

THE HUGE ORDEAL!!

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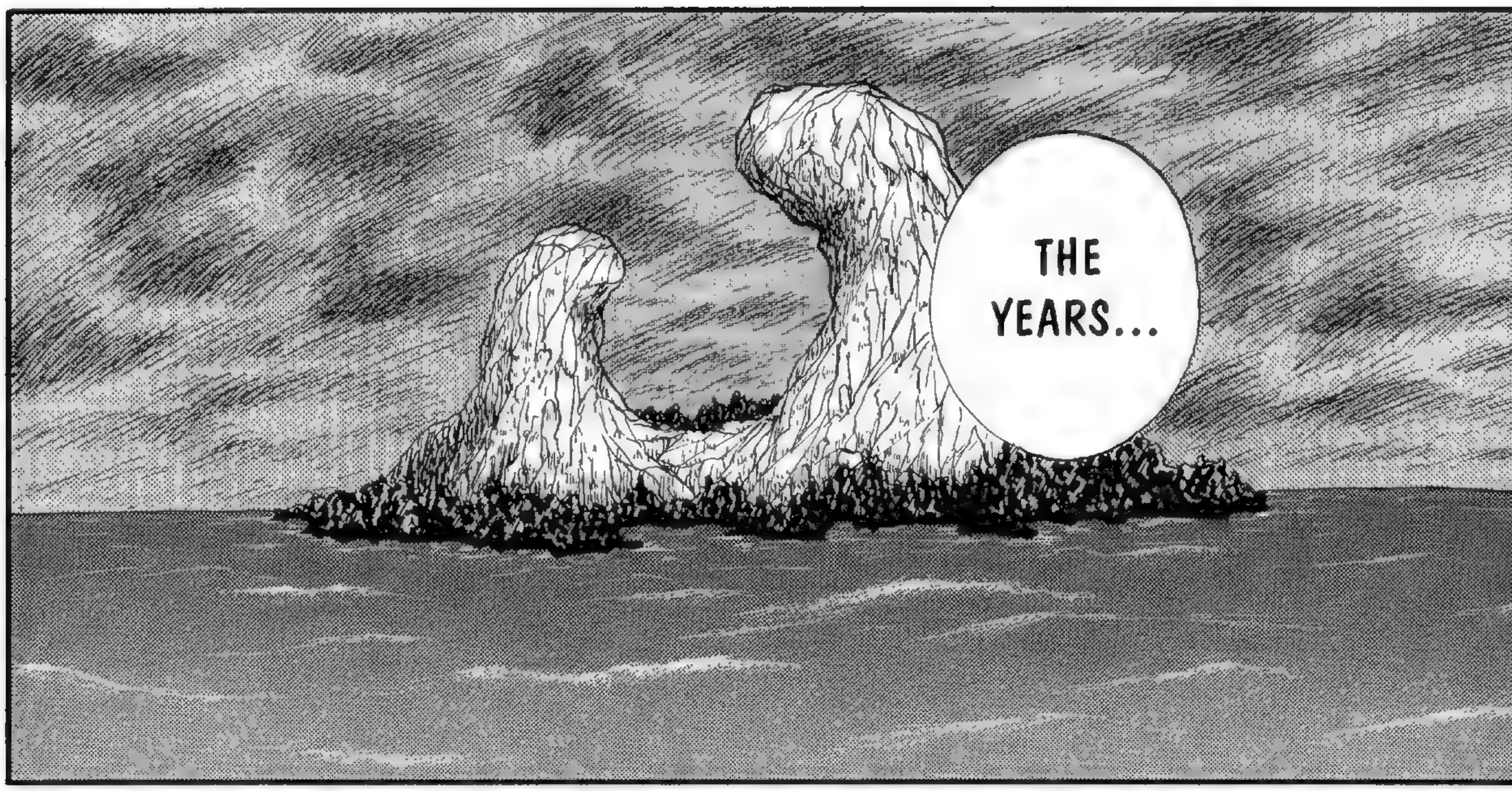
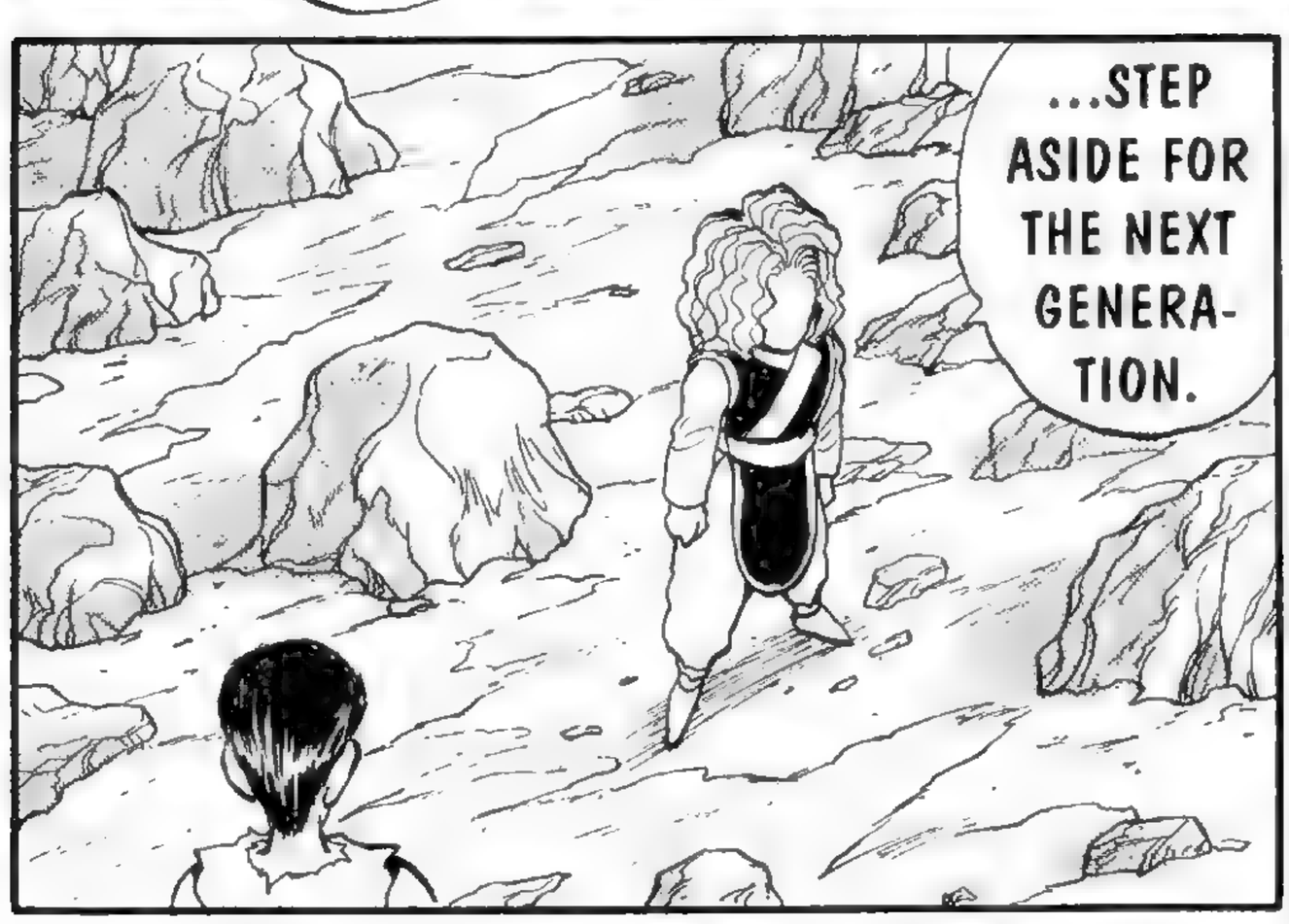
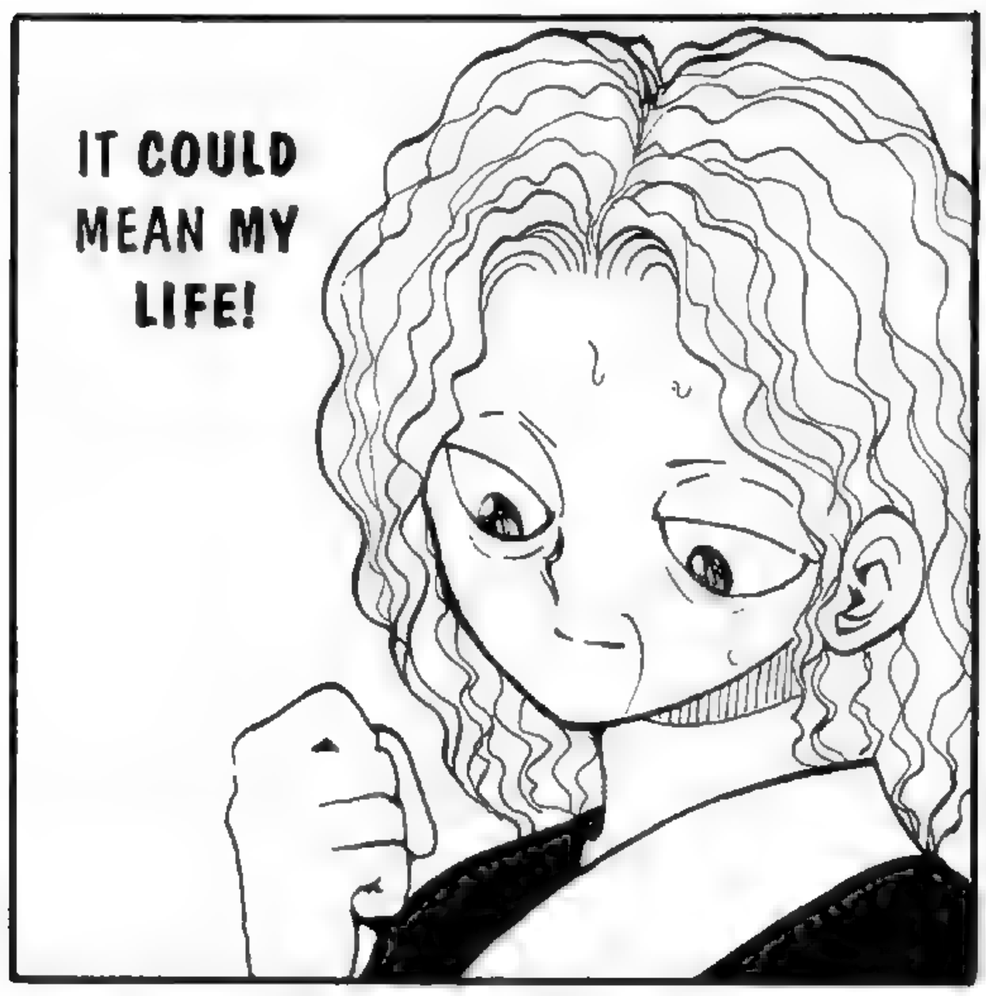

THE YEARS...

...AND YOU REALIZE THE YEARS HAVE ALSO ZAPPED YOUR STRENGTH.
...GIVE YOU EXPERIENCE, ALLOWING YOU TO HONE YOUR SKILLS AND GAME PLANS. BUT THEN YOU REACH OLD AGE...

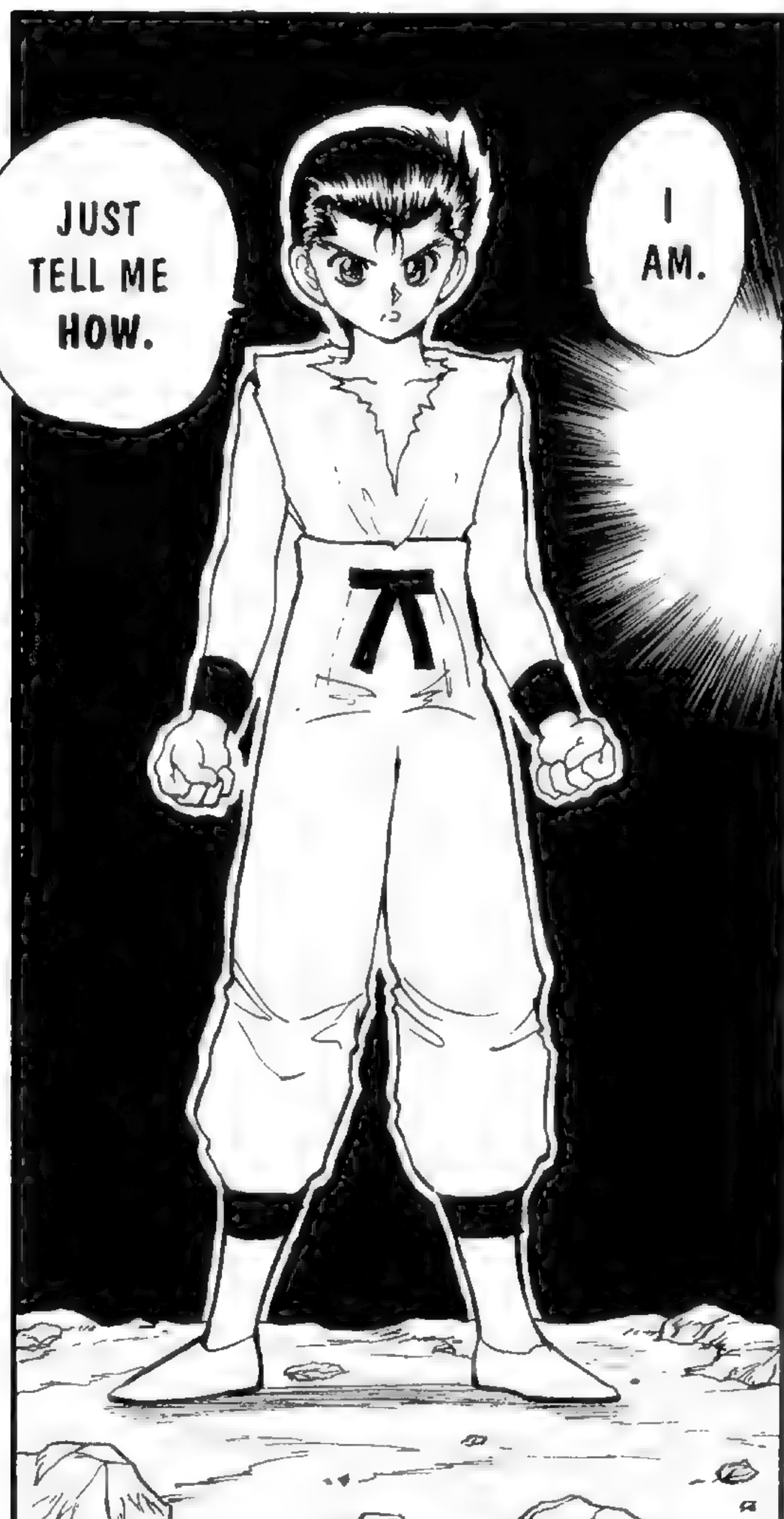
NATURE GIVES US OUR TIME, AND THEN WE...
THAT'S JUST THE WAY IT GOES.


...STEP ASIDE FOR THE NEXT GENERA-TION.


IT COULD MEAN MY LIFE!

I DOUBT I COULD SUMMON SUCH A BLAST AGAIN.

I'LL ASK ONCE MORE...


JUST TELL ME HOW.
I AM.

...ARE YOU STILL SEEKING TO GAIN...
...GREATER STRENGTH?

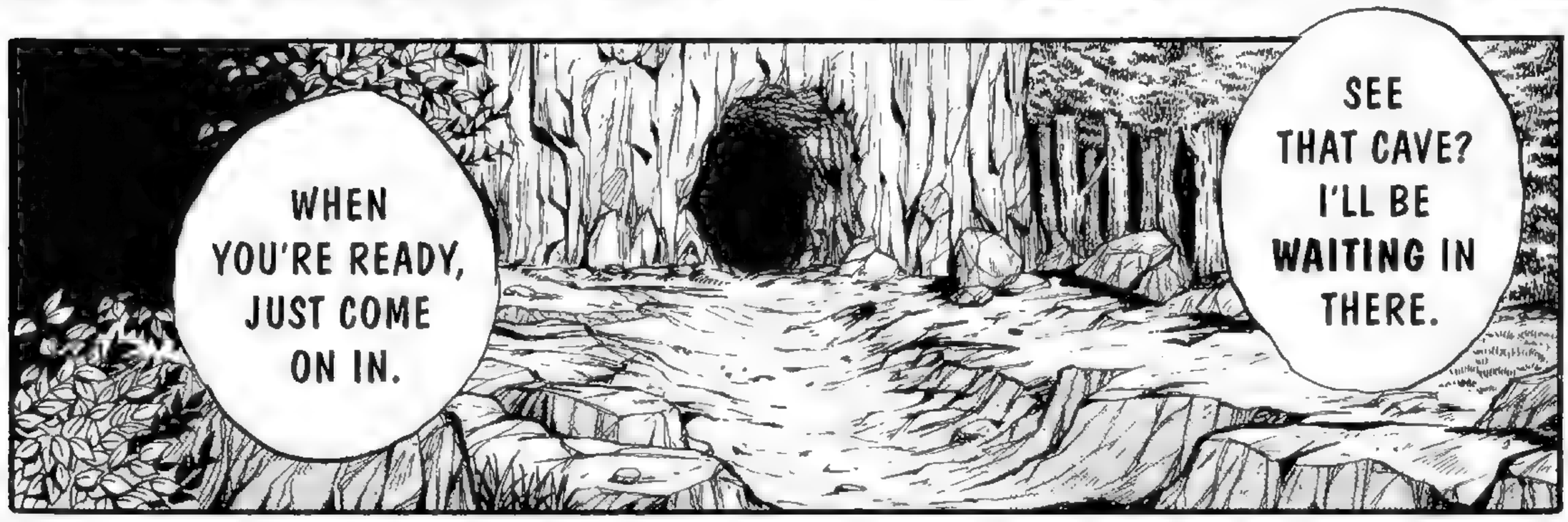
COST IS NO OBJECT.

WHATEVER IT MAY COST YOU?

HUH?!
YOU WOULD WILLINGLY KILL ME FOR IT, THEN.

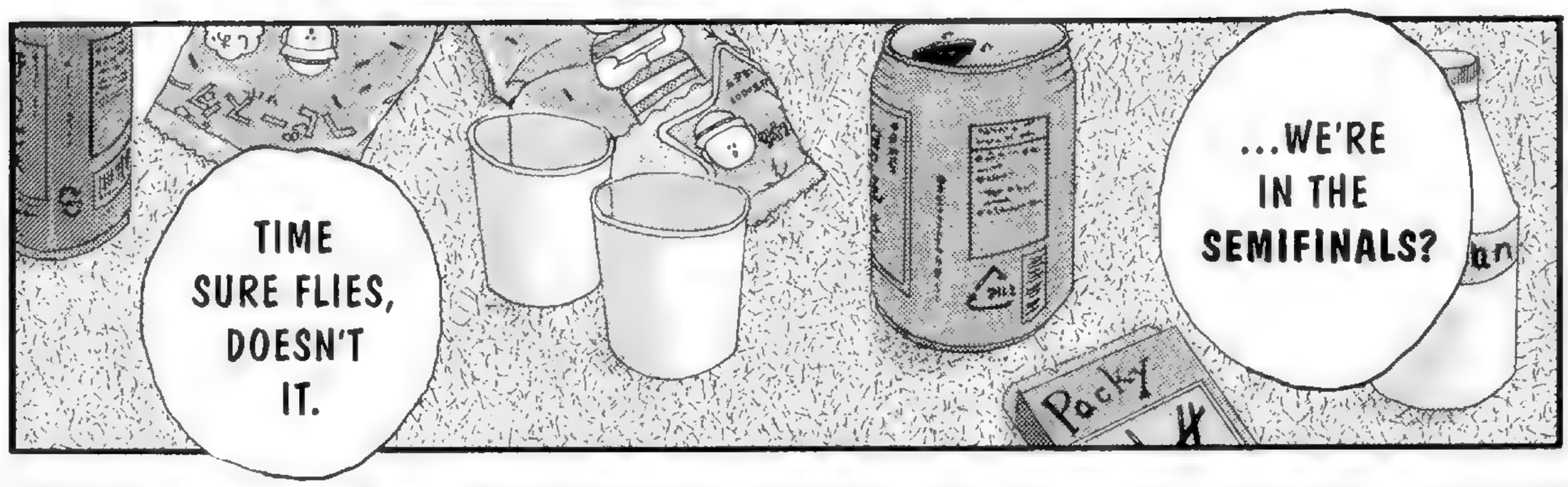
!!

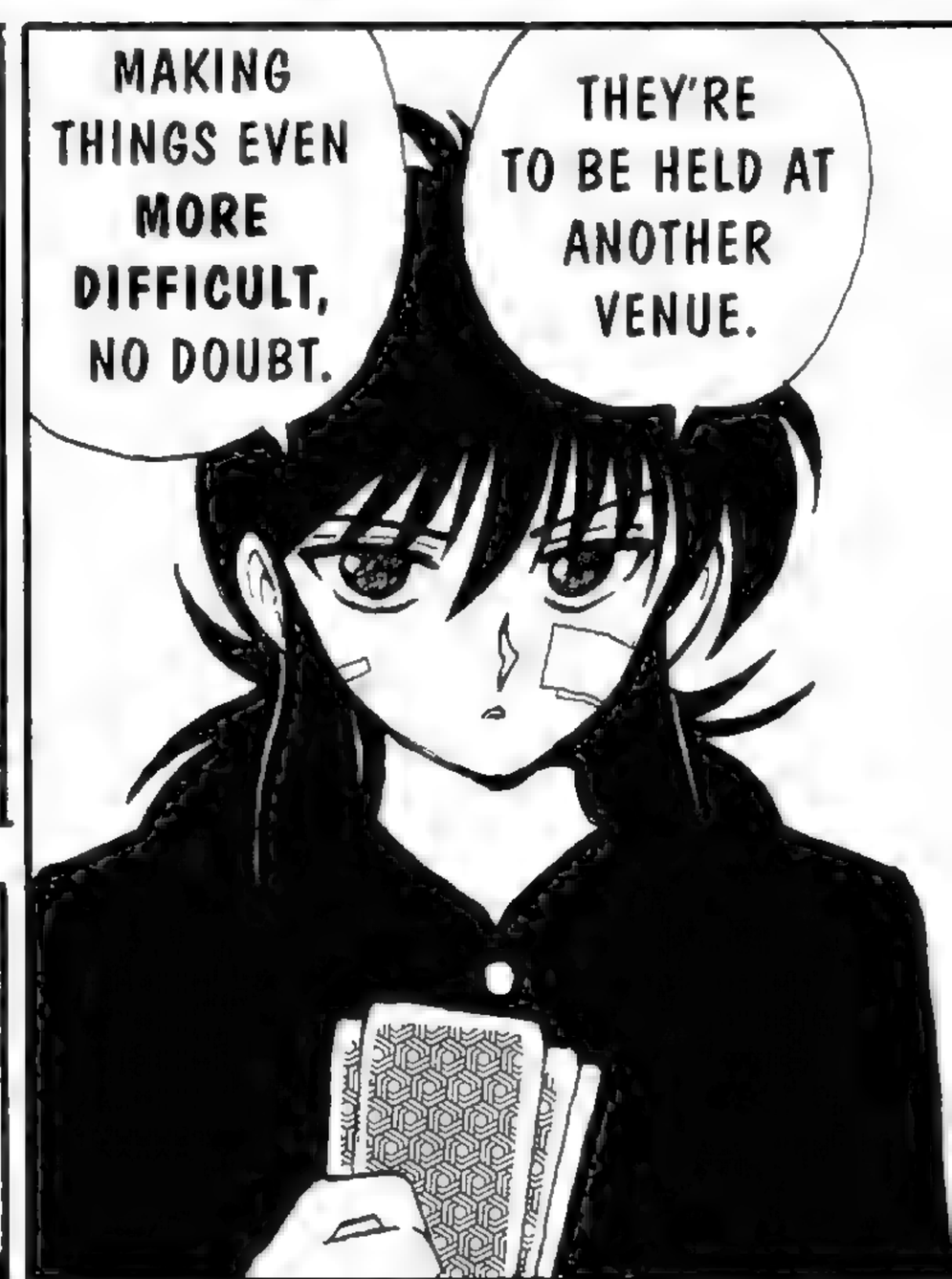
THIS FINAL TEST CALLS FOR YOU TO KILL ME!


WHEN YOU'RE READY, JUST COME ON IN.
SEE THAT CAVE? I'LL BE WAITING IN THERE.

KA-FLAP!
PU
FFFSSSHH

WHAT'S KEEPING THOSE TWO? THEY'RE LATE!

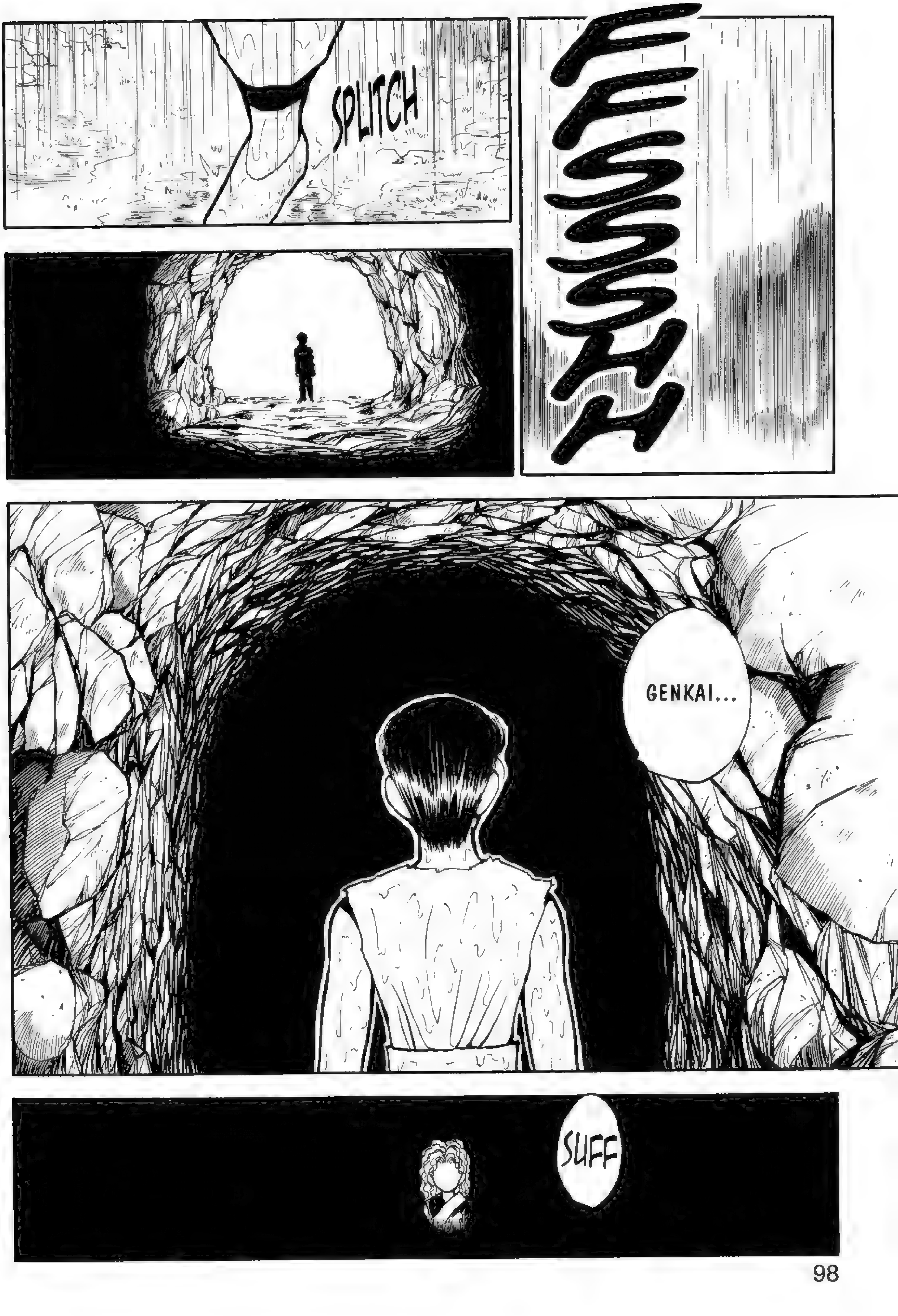

TIME SURE FLIES, DOESN'T IT.
...WE'RE IN THE SEMIFINALS?
Pocky


MAKING THINGS EVEN MORE DIFFICULT, NO DOUBT.
THEY'RE TO BE HELD AT ANOTHER VENUE.

SO WHAT? WE'LL NAIL IT!

DA PAH-TY GIRLS ARE HERE!!

WEEEE-HAH!


SPLITCH
FFSSSHH
GENKAI...
SUFF

WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME.

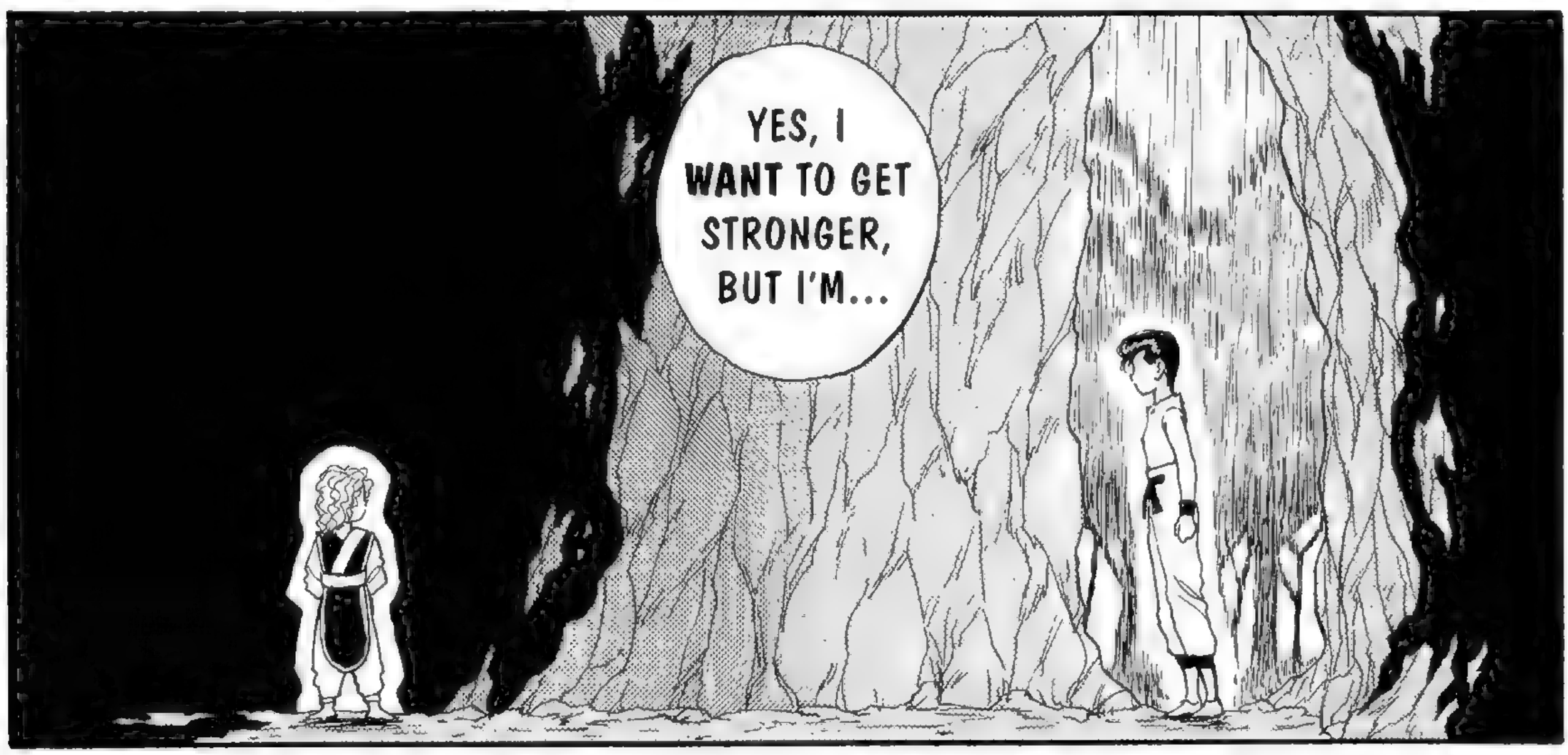
FINALLY READY, EH? GOOD.

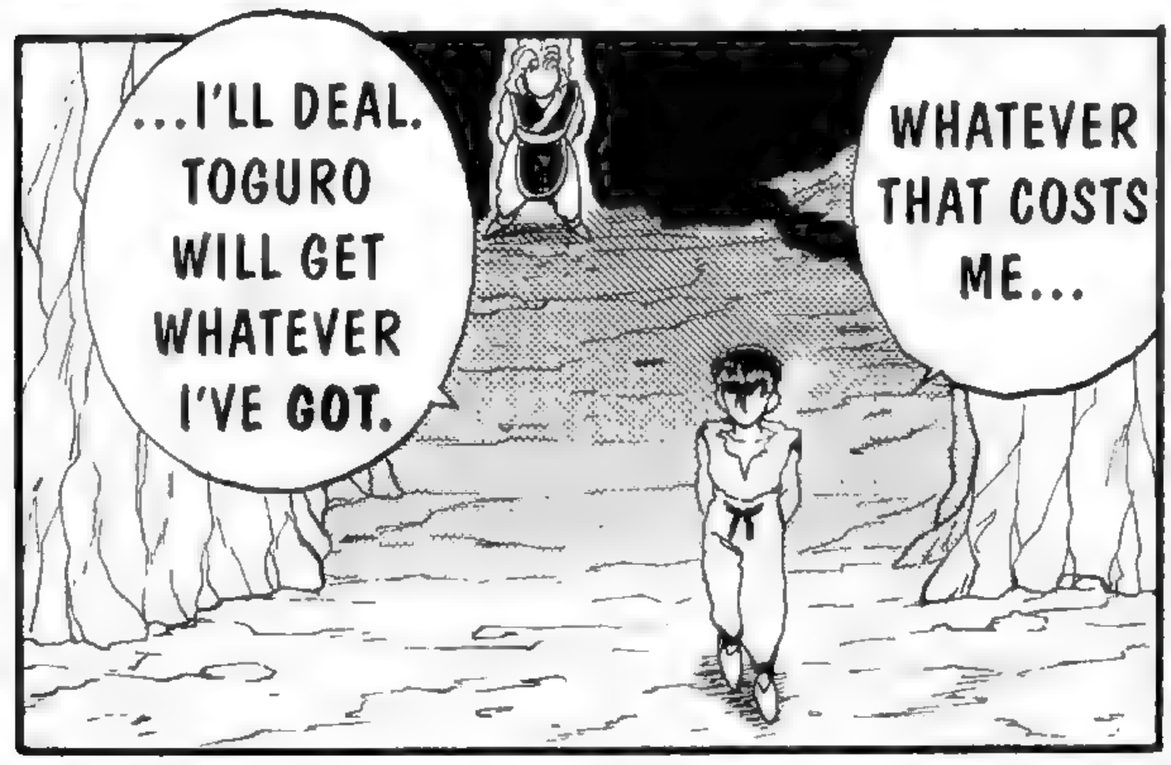
GENKAI ...

...I CAN'T DO IT.
...I CAN'T...

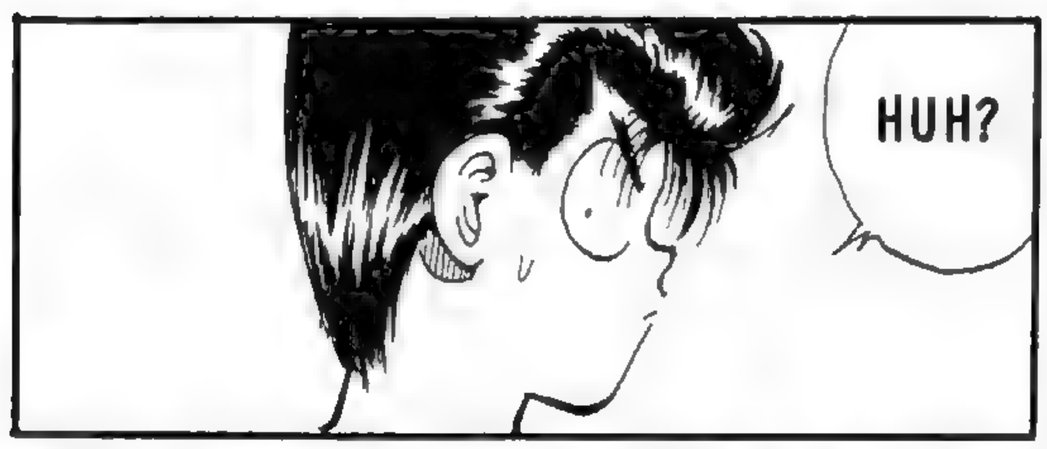
...TRYING TO COMPREHEND THE IDEA...

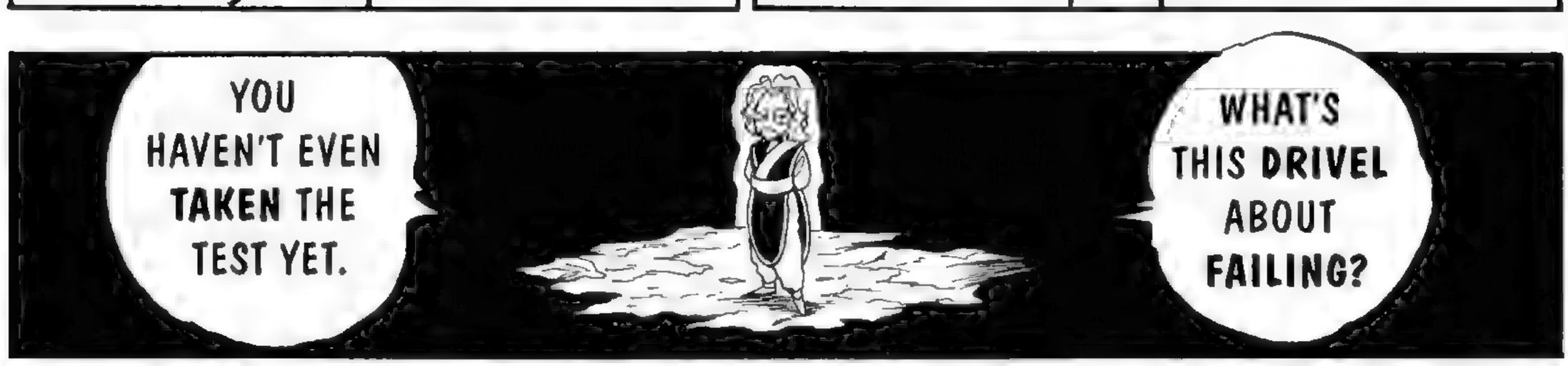
I FRIED MY BRAIN...

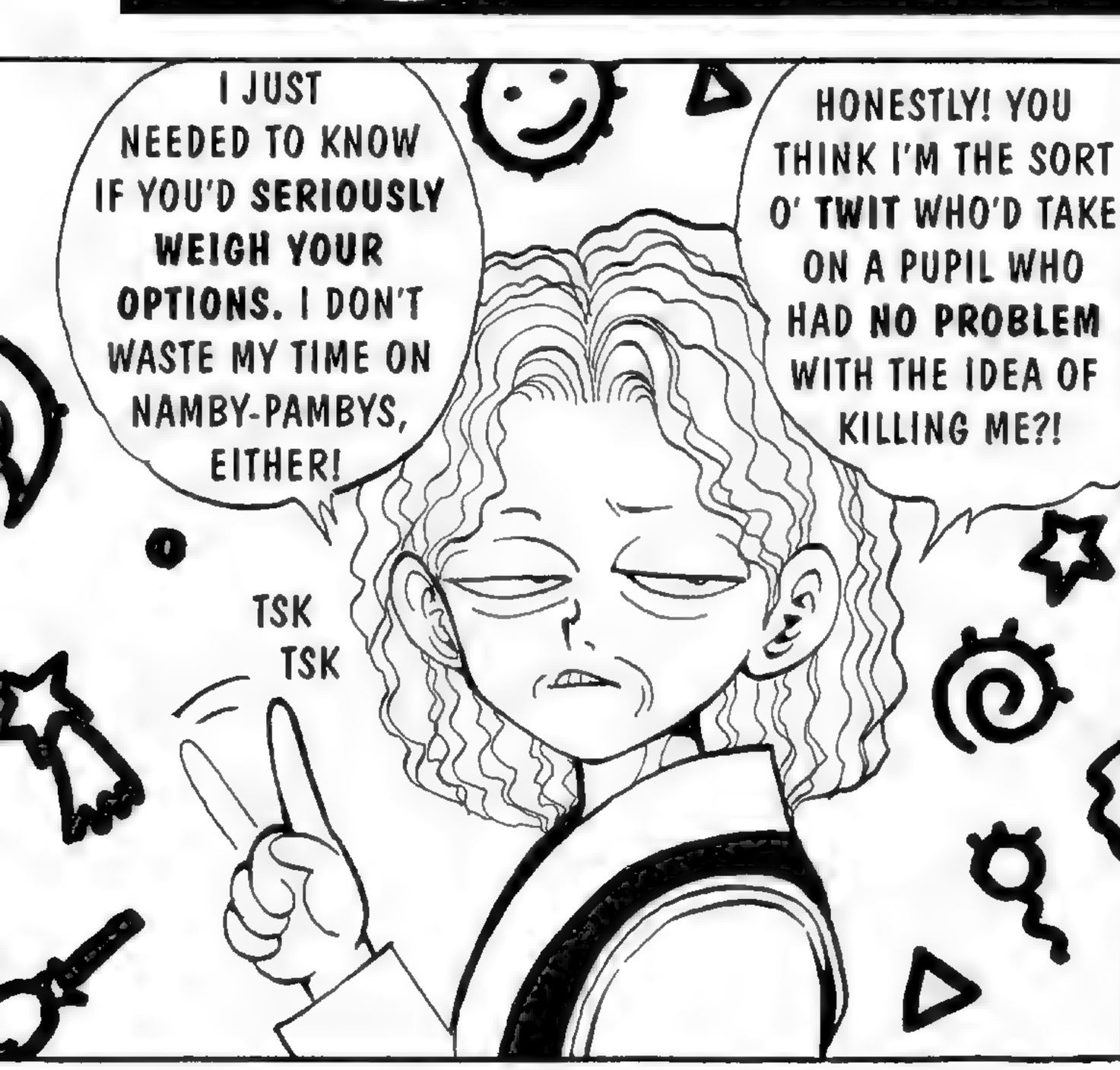


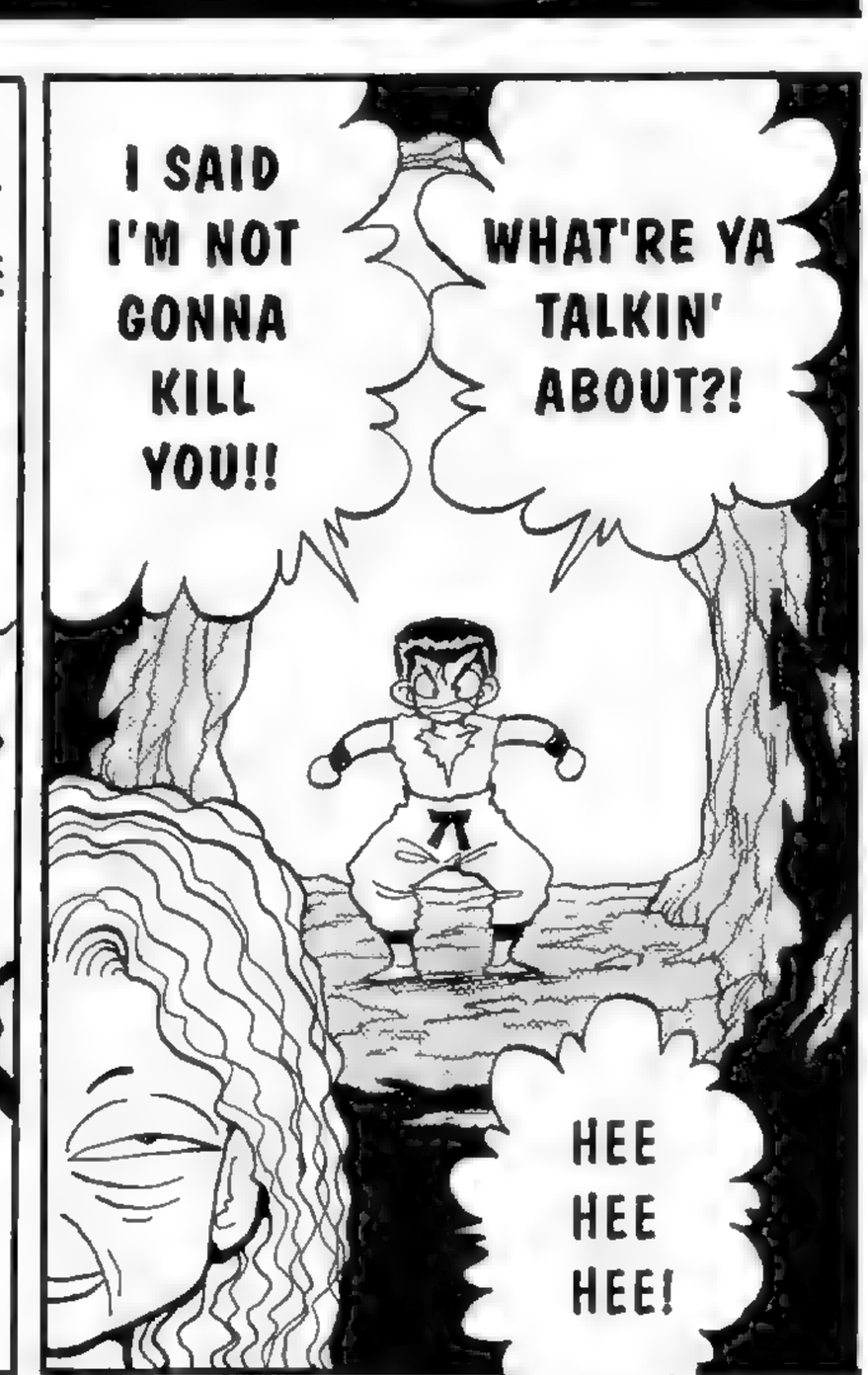


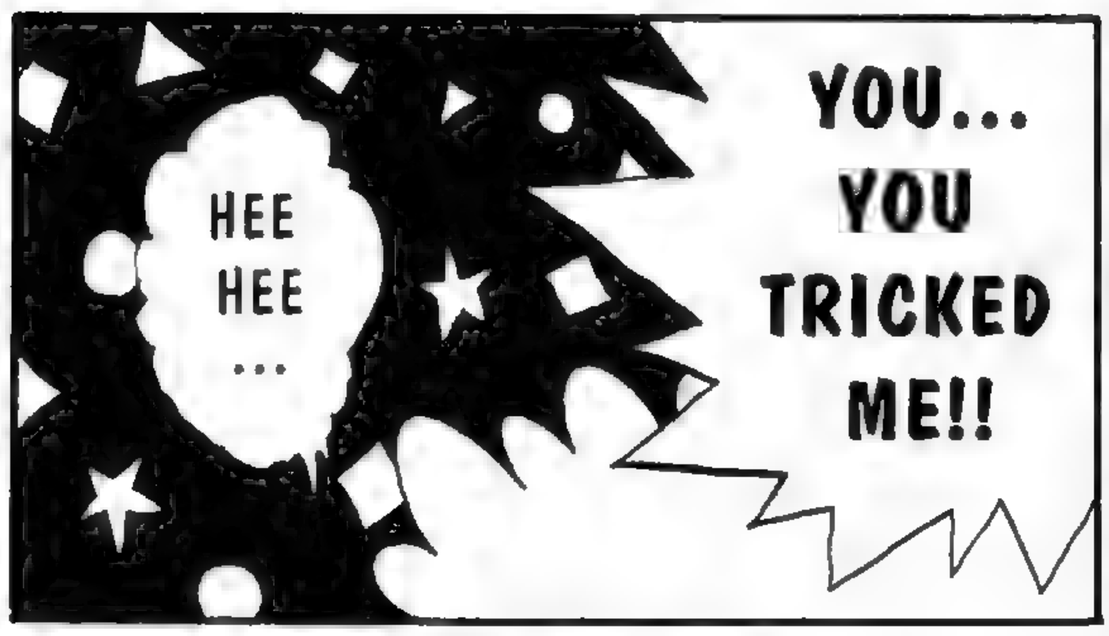
COME BACK HERE!!





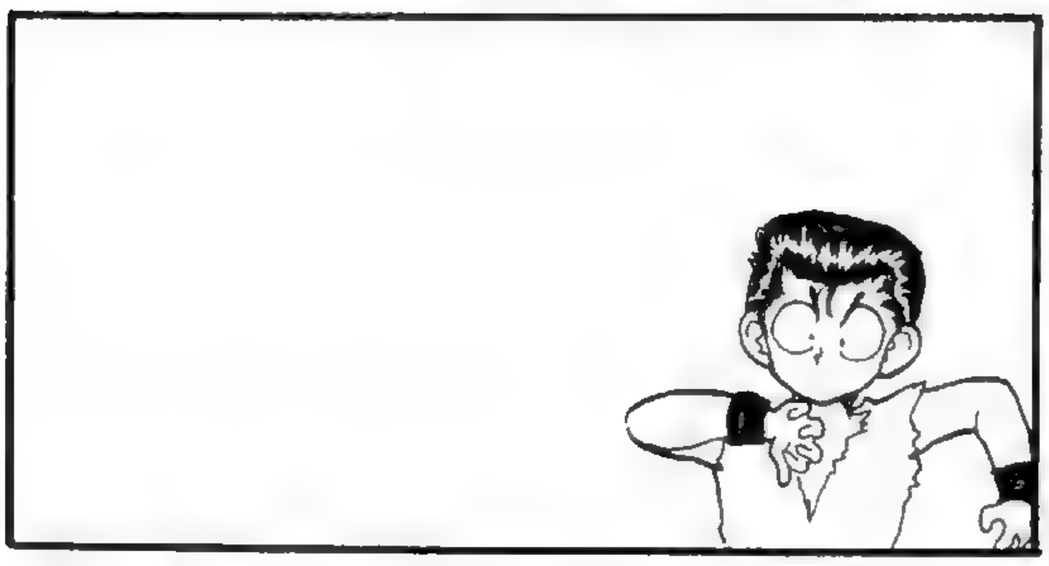


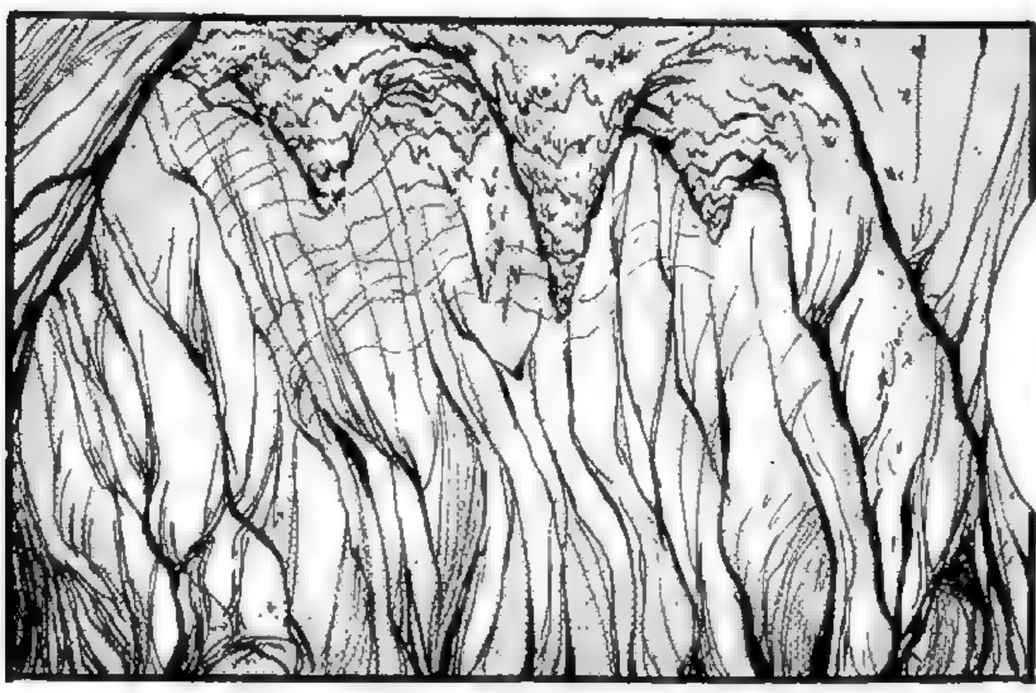


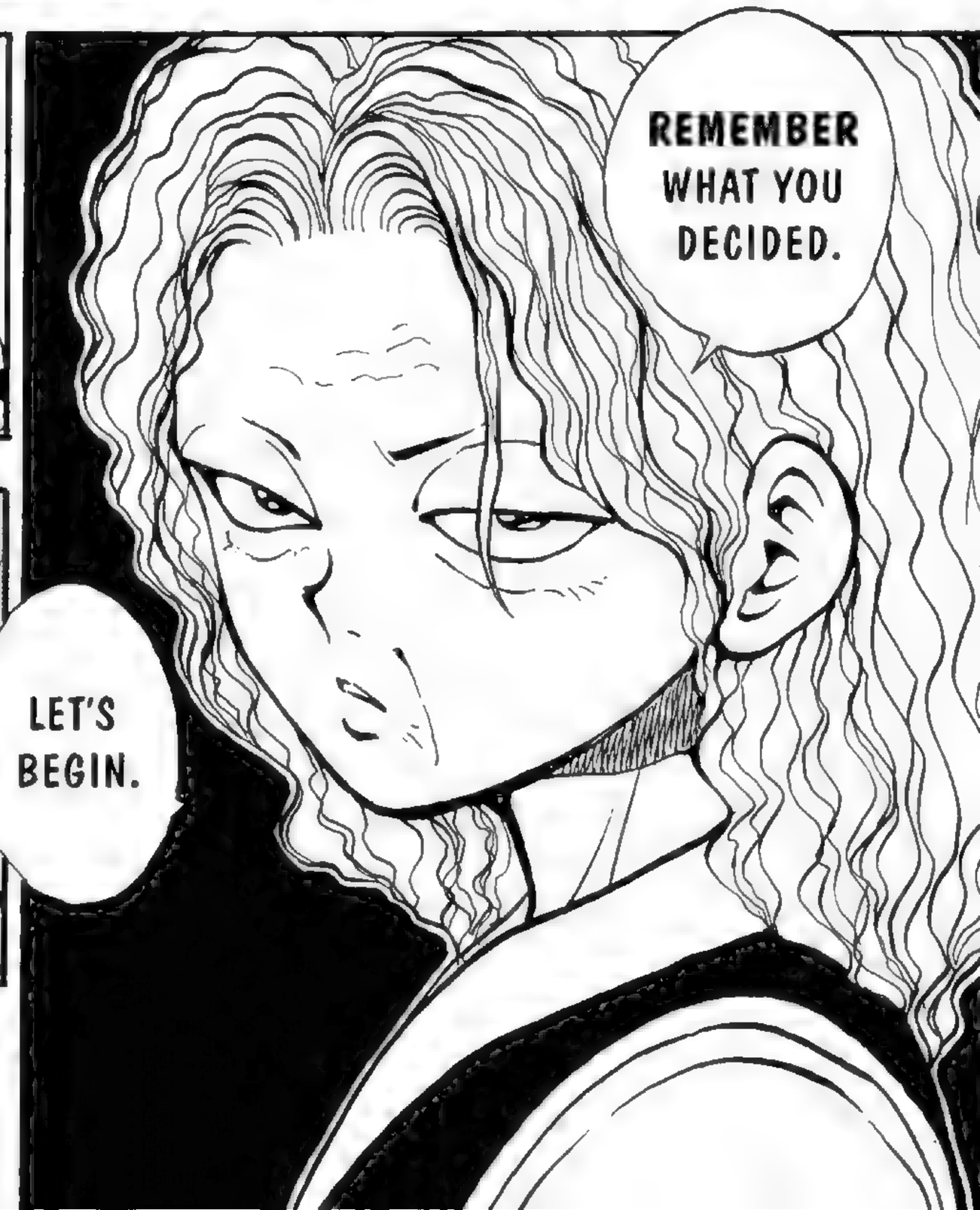

HEE HEE ...
YOU... YOU TRICKED ME!!

I SHOULD GET A MEDAL FOR THAT.
GOT YOU TO THINK FOR ONCE, THOUGH, DIDN'T I?

PAUSE
YOU STILL WANNA TEST ME?! FINE! LET'S GO!!
YOU'RE UNBELIEV-ABLE!!

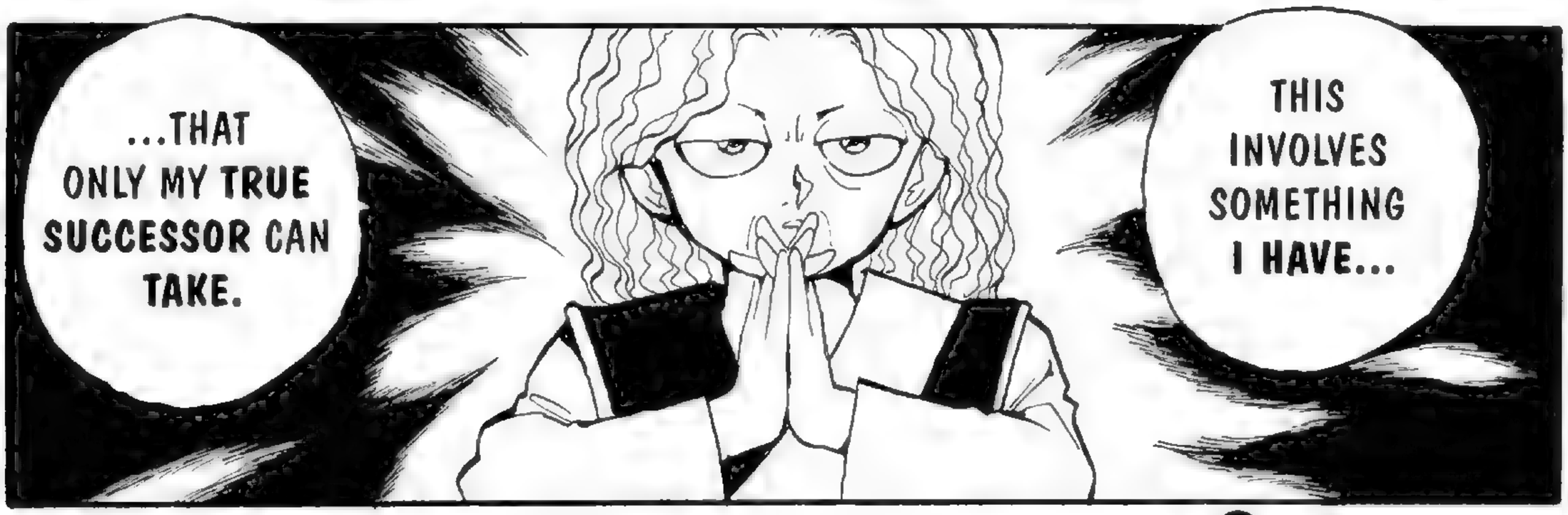





REMEMBER WHAT YOU DECIDED.
LET'S BEGIN.

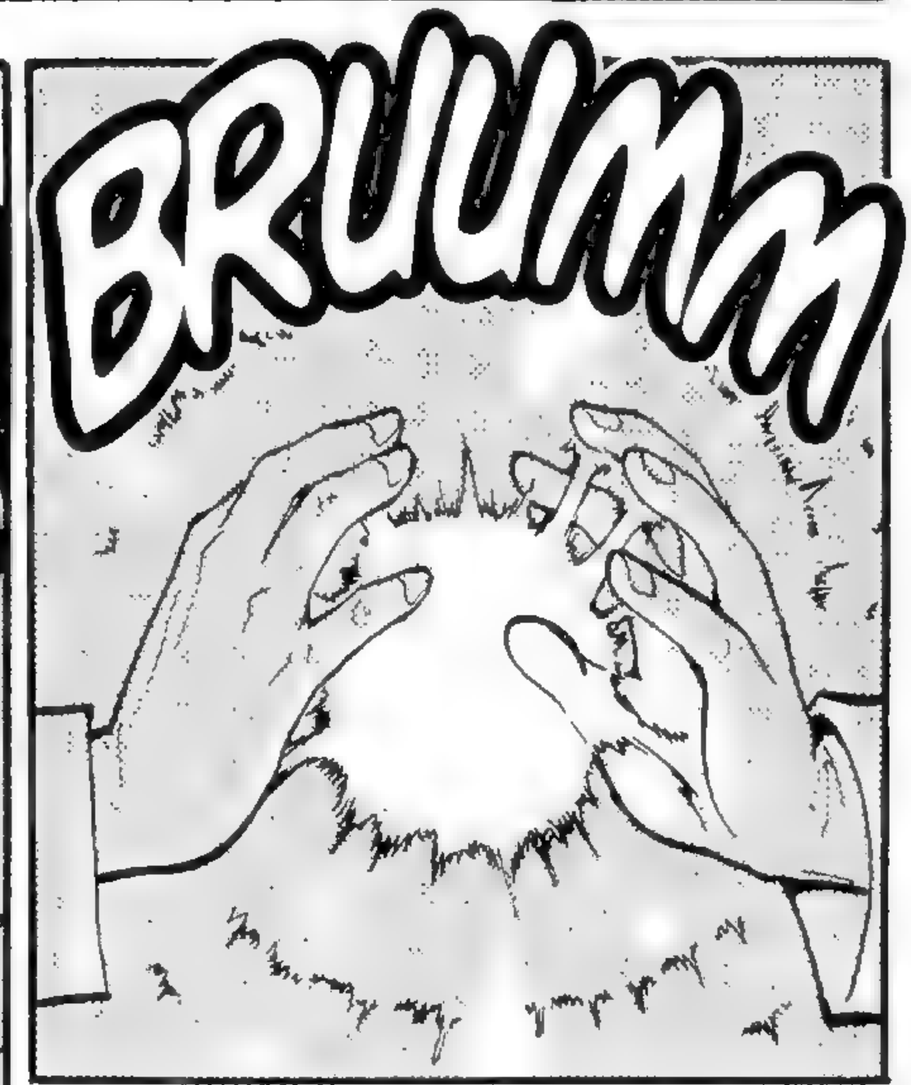
FWOOOM

HAAH!

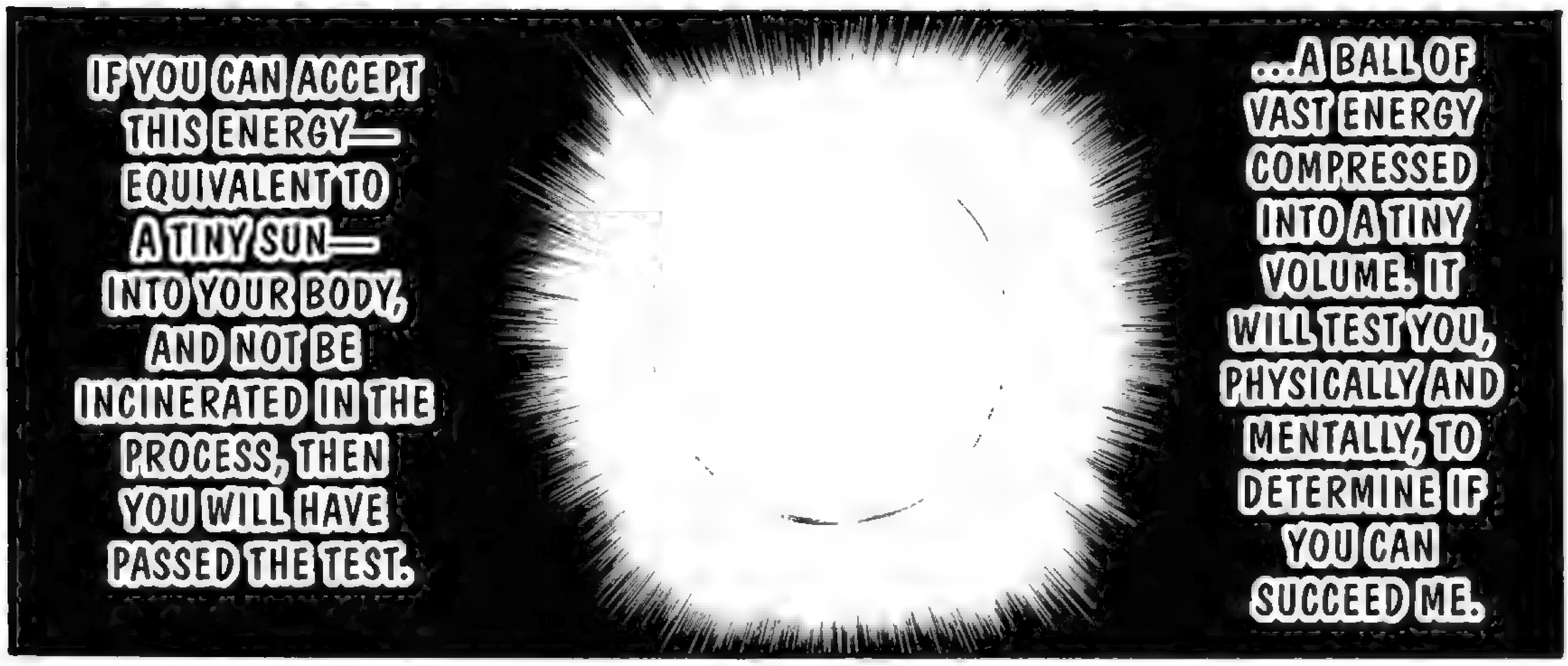

...THAT ONLY MY TRUE SUCCESSOR CAN TAKE.
THIS INVOLVES SOMETHING I HAVE...

YOU'RE TALENTED, BUT FOR THIS YOU REALLY NEED 10 YEARS MORE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE. AH WELL...

IT'S LIKE... TOUCHING THE SUN!!


BRUUMM

THIS IS A SPIRIT ORB...



...HERE WE GO.

OKAY...

SCARY. I'LL TRY NOT TO WET MY PANTS.

THAT'S IT? I THOUGHT ...
WEIRD.

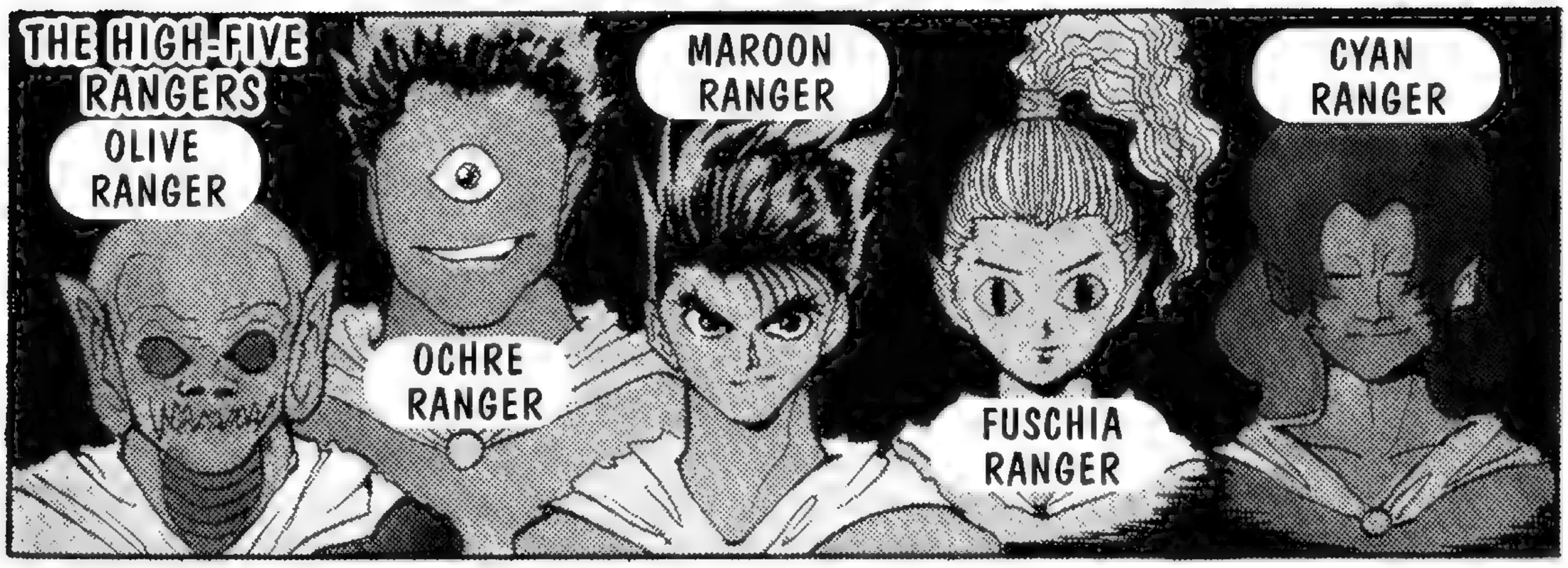
?
.....

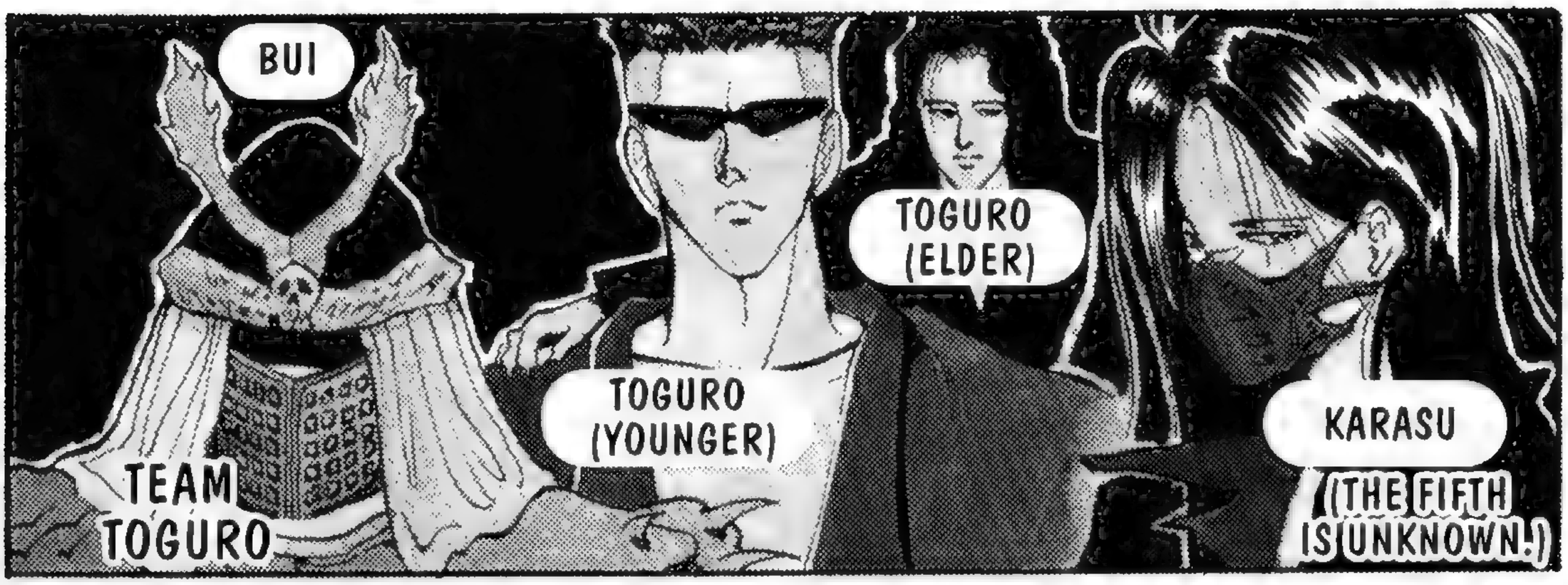
PWOWF

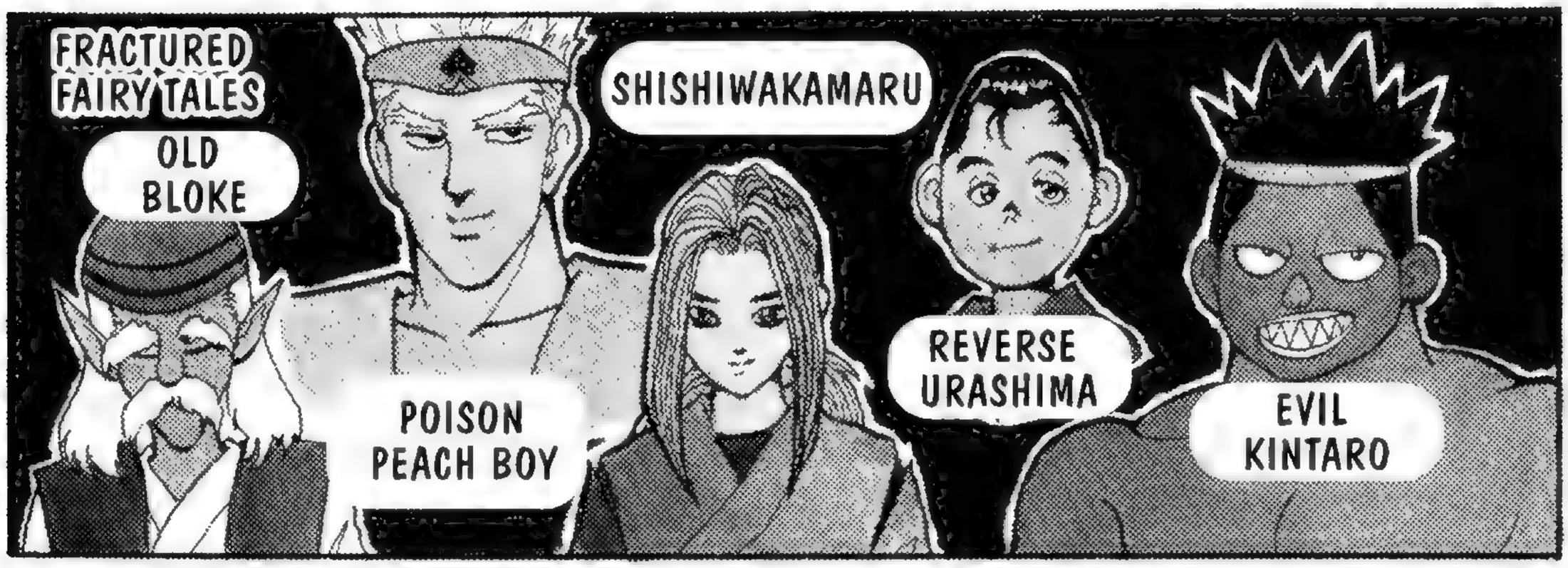
SPLISH
.....
GUUH ...
CRAACKLE
UNH?!
CRACKLE
CRIICK
GLUUH ...
UNGH ...

GEEEYAAAH!!!

THE TOP FOUR!!

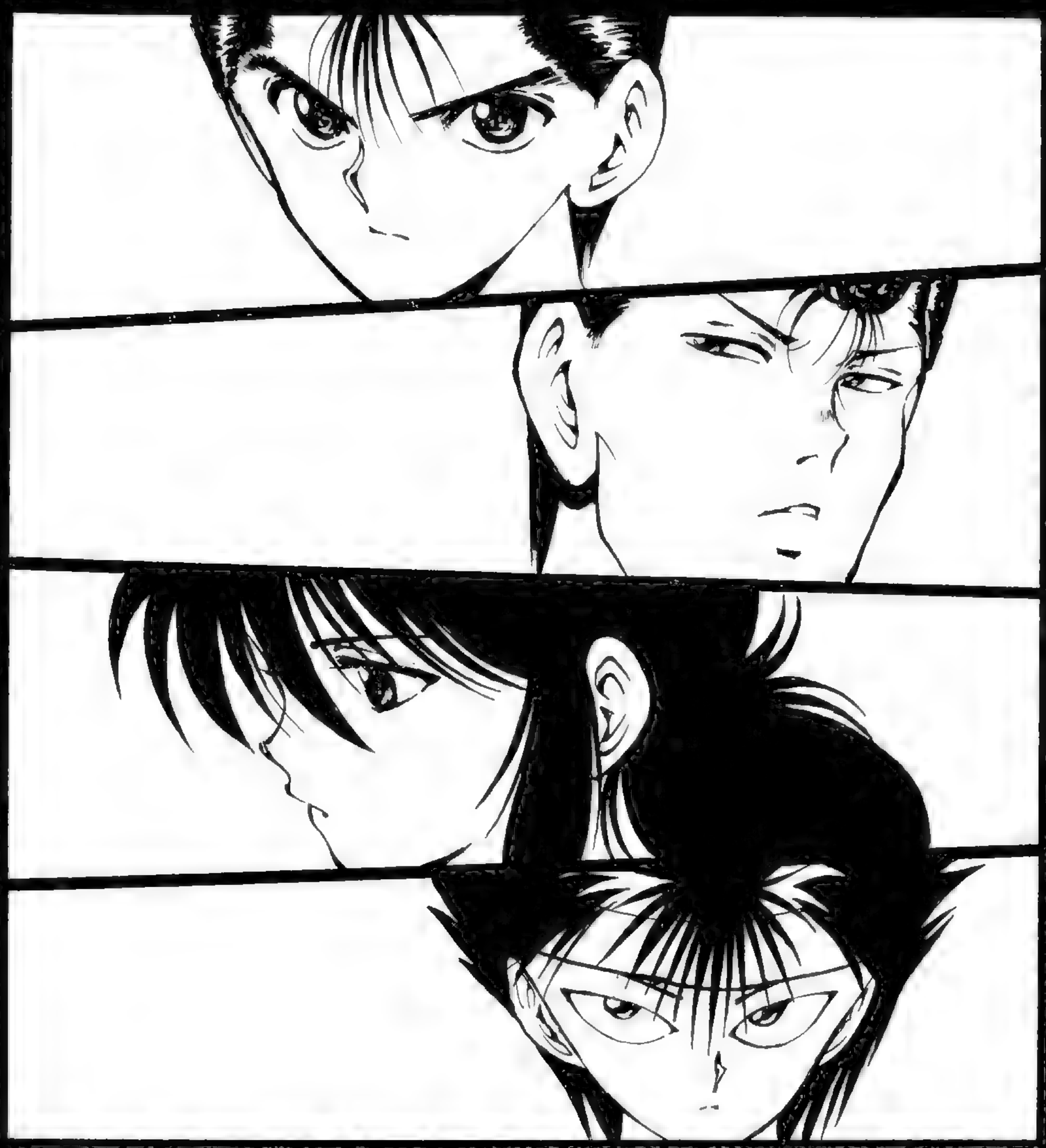

THE HIGH-FIVE RANGERS
OLIVE RANGER
OCHRE RANGER
MAROON RANGER
FUSCHIA RANGER
CYAN RANGER


BUI
TEAM TOGURO
TOGURO (YOUNGER)
TOGURO (ELDER)
KARASU
(THE FIFTH IS UNKNOWN.)

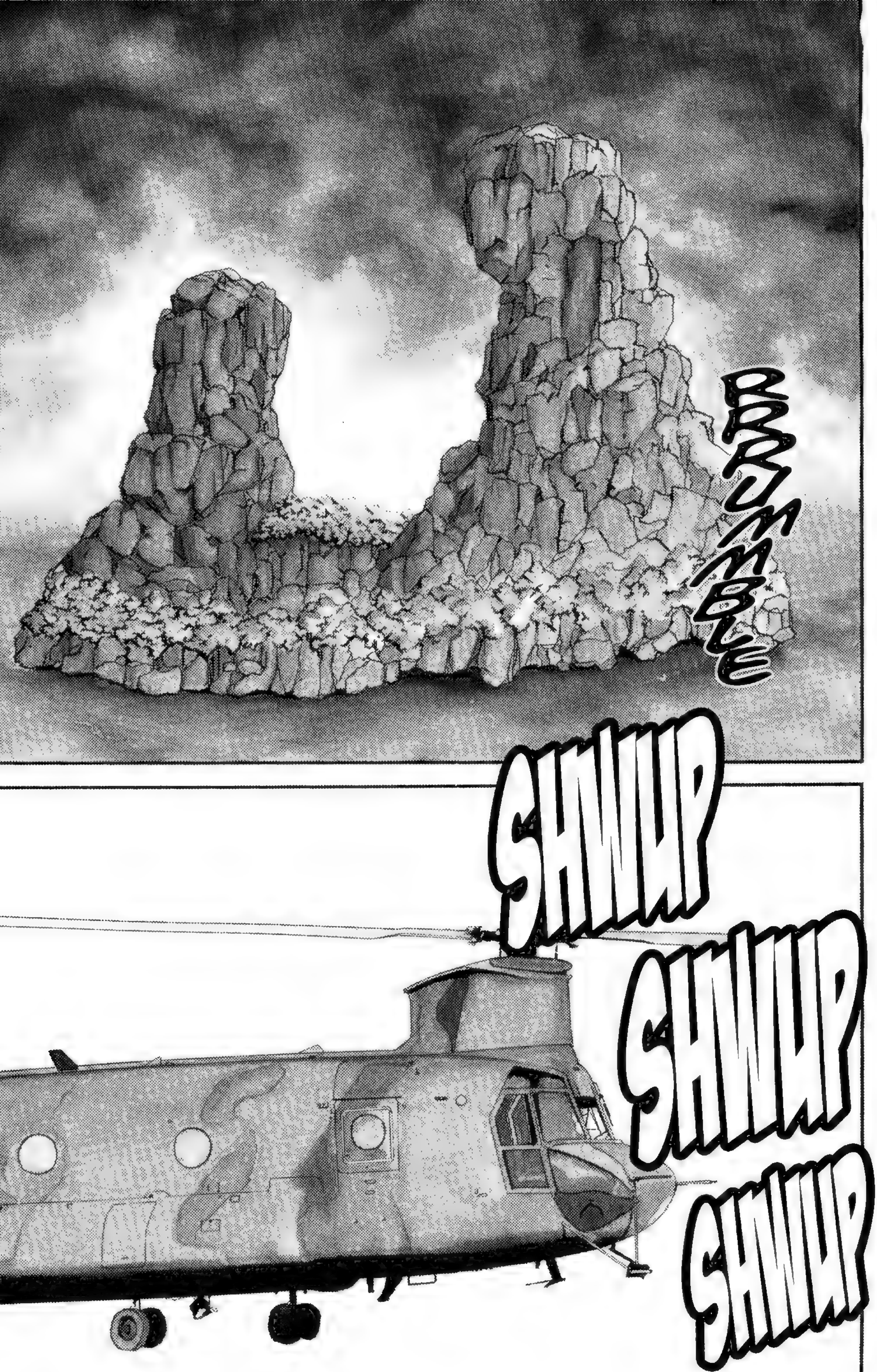

FRACTURED FAIRY TALES
OLD BLOKE
POISON PEACH BOY
SHISHIWAKAMARU
REVERSE URASHIMA
EVIL KINTARO

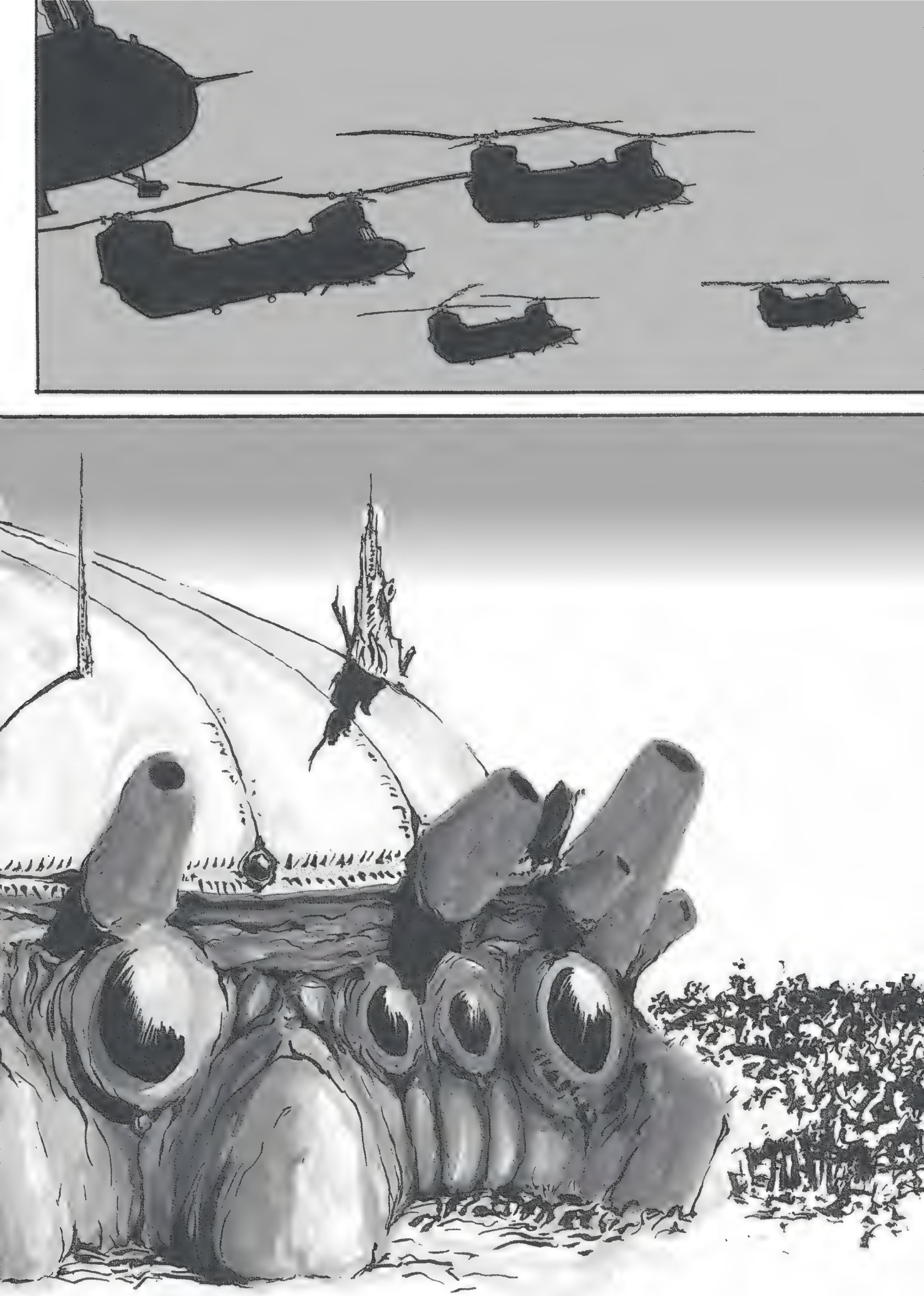
TEAM URAMESHI
KURAMA
HIEI
YUSUKE URAMESHI
KAZUMA KUWABARA
GENKAI (KNOWN ONLY TO YUSUKE.)

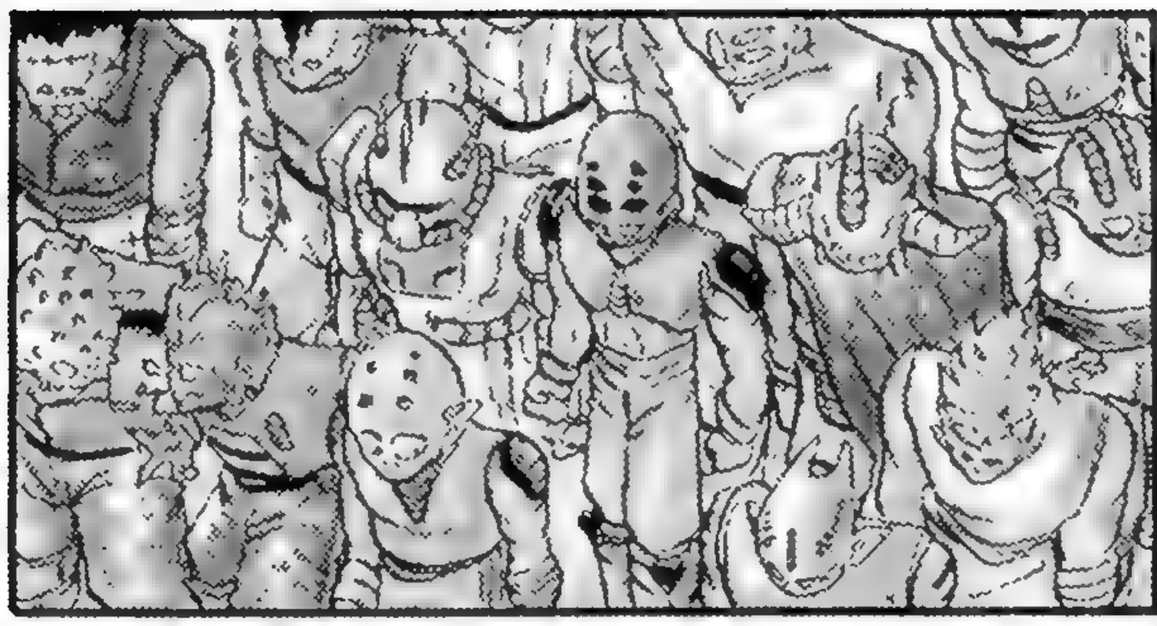
THE TOP FOUR!!

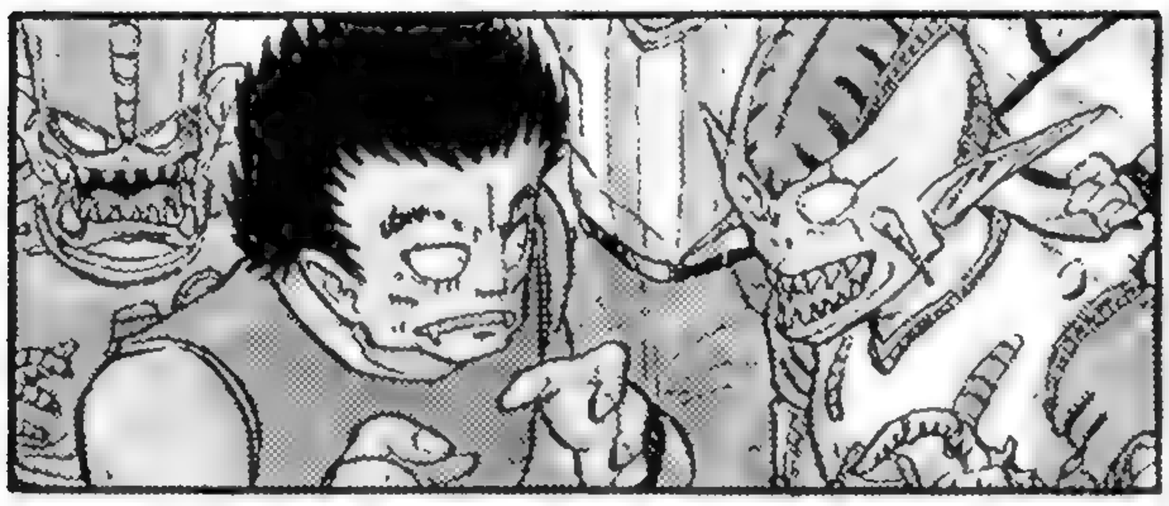


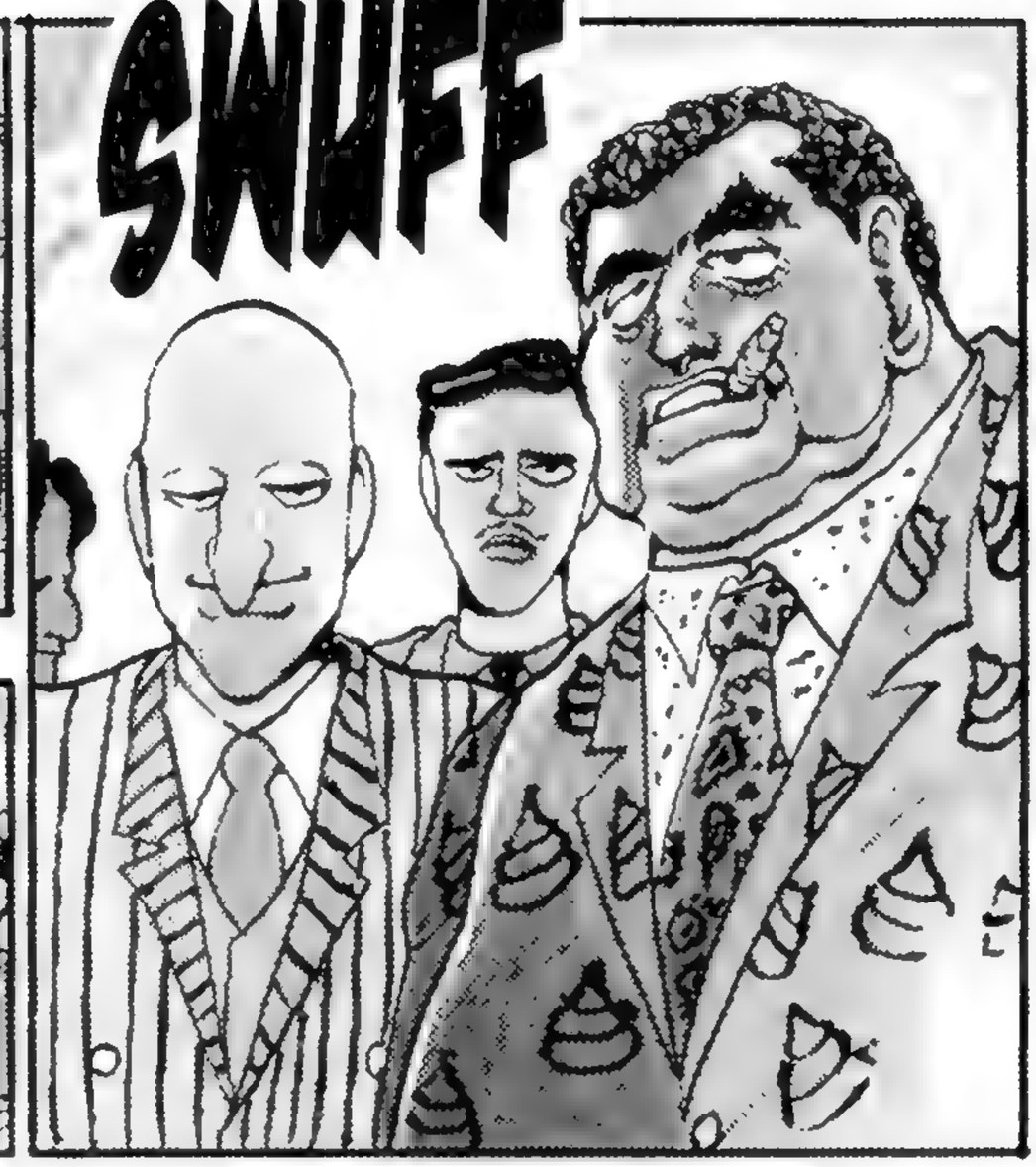
YUYU HAKUSHO


RRUMBLE
SHUMP
SHUMP
SHUMP









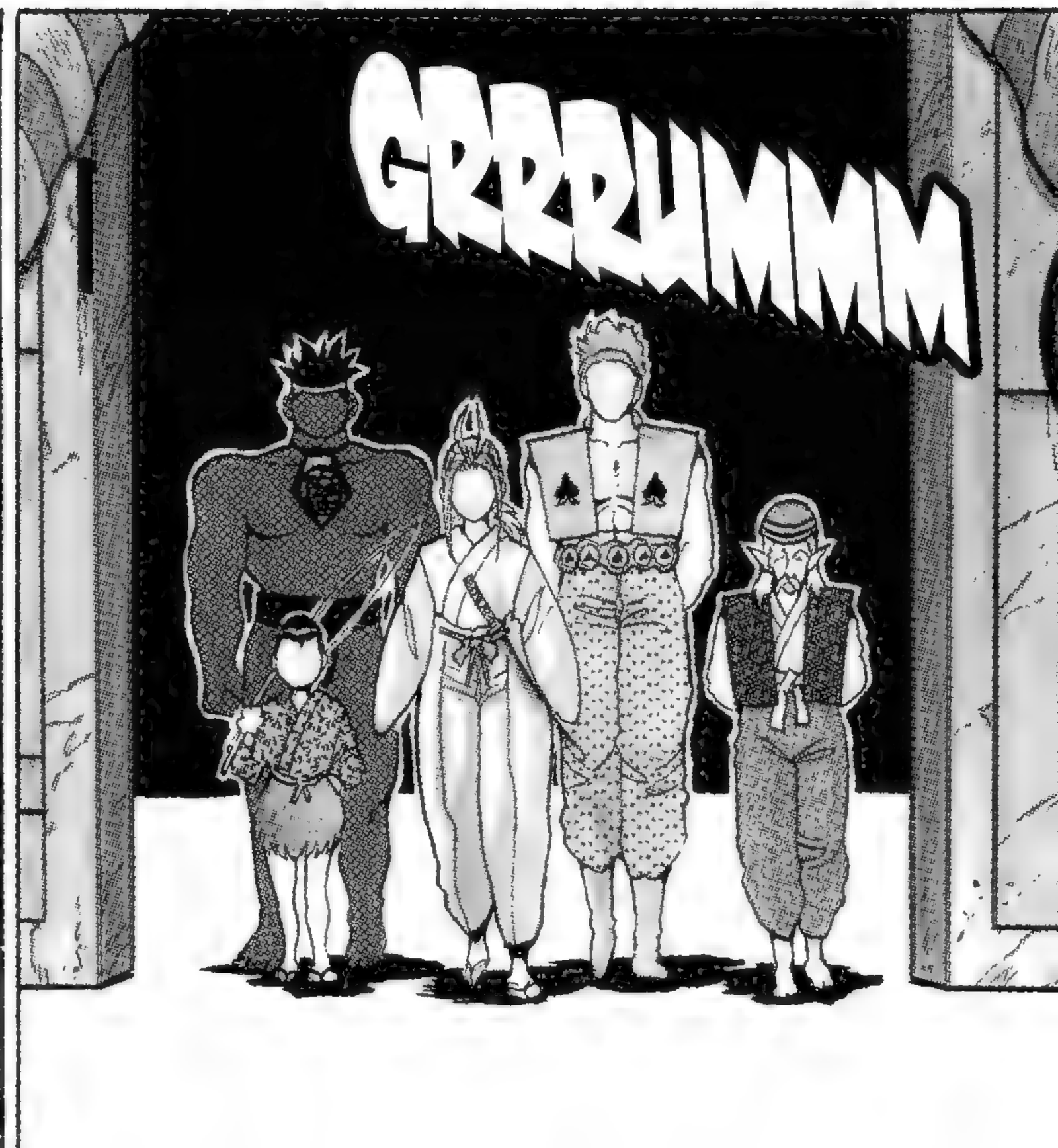
MURMUR

NATTER
NATTER

MUTTER

I'M JURI, YOUR SEMIFINALS REFEREE! THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE!
PLEASE GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO THE TEAMS FOR THE FIRST MATCH!
...AND I'LL BE BRINGING YOU THE PLAY-BY-PLAY, MOMENT BY MOMENT!!
AND WE'RE OFF! THIS IS KOTO...

AND HERE THEY COME!!
WHEE!


GRRRUMMM

BET THEY TURNED **YELLA** AND RAN OFF!!

WHAT'S **THIS?** TEAM URAMESHI'S DOWN BY **TWO!**

THEY ALL RIGHT? DID THEY... HEH HEH... GET COLD FEET?

HAHA

HAHA

TEAM CAPTAINS WILL NOW DECIDE THE MODE OF COMPETI-TION!

YOU'RE JUST NOT **WORTH** THEIR TROUBLE.

CHEW
LET'S JUST DO IT.
WHY BOTHER?
WANNA BE FIRST UP?
FEELIN' FEISTY, EH, KID?
NORMALLY I WOULDN'T BOTHER WITH YOUR SORT...
FIRST... AND LAST?
...AND I NEED TO WORK OFF SOME STRESS.
...BUT I'VE BEEN IN A REAL BAD MOOD LATELY...
POP

WE CAN LET **THESE** DECIDE.

HEH... COOL DOWN, BUD.

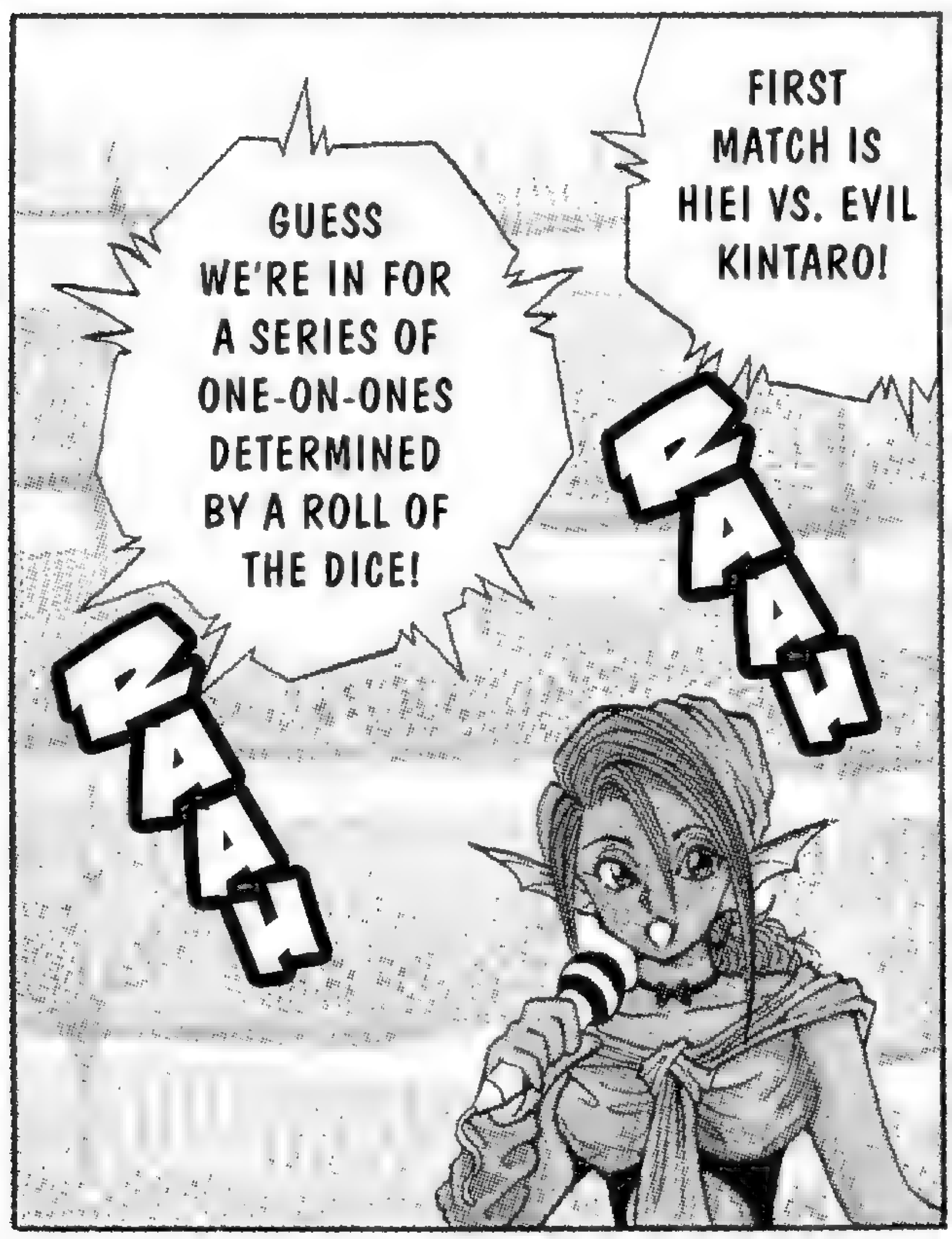
...PICK THEIR CONTENDER. AND YOU CAN FIGHT AS OFTEN AS YOUR NAME COMES UP—AS LONG AS YOU'RE STILL **BREATHING**, THAT IS.

I'VE PUT OUR NAMES ON THESE DICE, ALONG WITH "CHOICE." IF THAT COMES UP, **YOUR** TEAM GETS TO...

OOPS! I WROTE THE NAMES AT THE WRONG ANGLE.

TOO BAD FOR YOU, SHRIMP.

SHIK
SO I'M FIRST UP ANYWAY.


FIRST MATCH IS HIEI VS. EVIL KINTARO!
GUESS WE'RE IN FOR A SERIES OF ONE-ON-ONES DETERMINED BY A ROLL OF THE DICE!
GAAH
GAAH

BEGIN!!

...THE FIRST MOVE, EH?

SO, RUNT... HEH... WHO'LL MAKE...

A SWORD? WELL, WELL...

WOW! ALREADY WE HAVE A STANDOFF!

PLIP
SO MUCH FOR THAT.
?

OR ARE YOU JUST GONNA STAND THERE SWEATIN' BLOOD?
SO? YOU GONNA USE THAT?

NOTICED WHAT? YOUR LACK OF ACTION?
C'MON, AT LEAST GIVE IT A TRY!!

HAVEN'T YOU NOTICED YET?
GIVE ME A BREAK.

NO SWEAT.
AAAAAGH!

YOU'LL PAY FOR THAT!!
GRRARR !!
WAY TOO EASY.
FWIP
BATTLE AXE FIST!!

HAH!!!
SHIN
DOO
M
NAILED 'IM!!
HEH!!

JUST MY AFTER-IMAGE.
HUH?

BLUG...!
ANY BETS ON WHETHER IT'LL BE MY TURN AGAIN?
ROLL 'EM, BUD.

I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT ME. I'M TALKING ABOUT RIP VAN WINKLE.

HIEI FIGHTS AGAIN!!

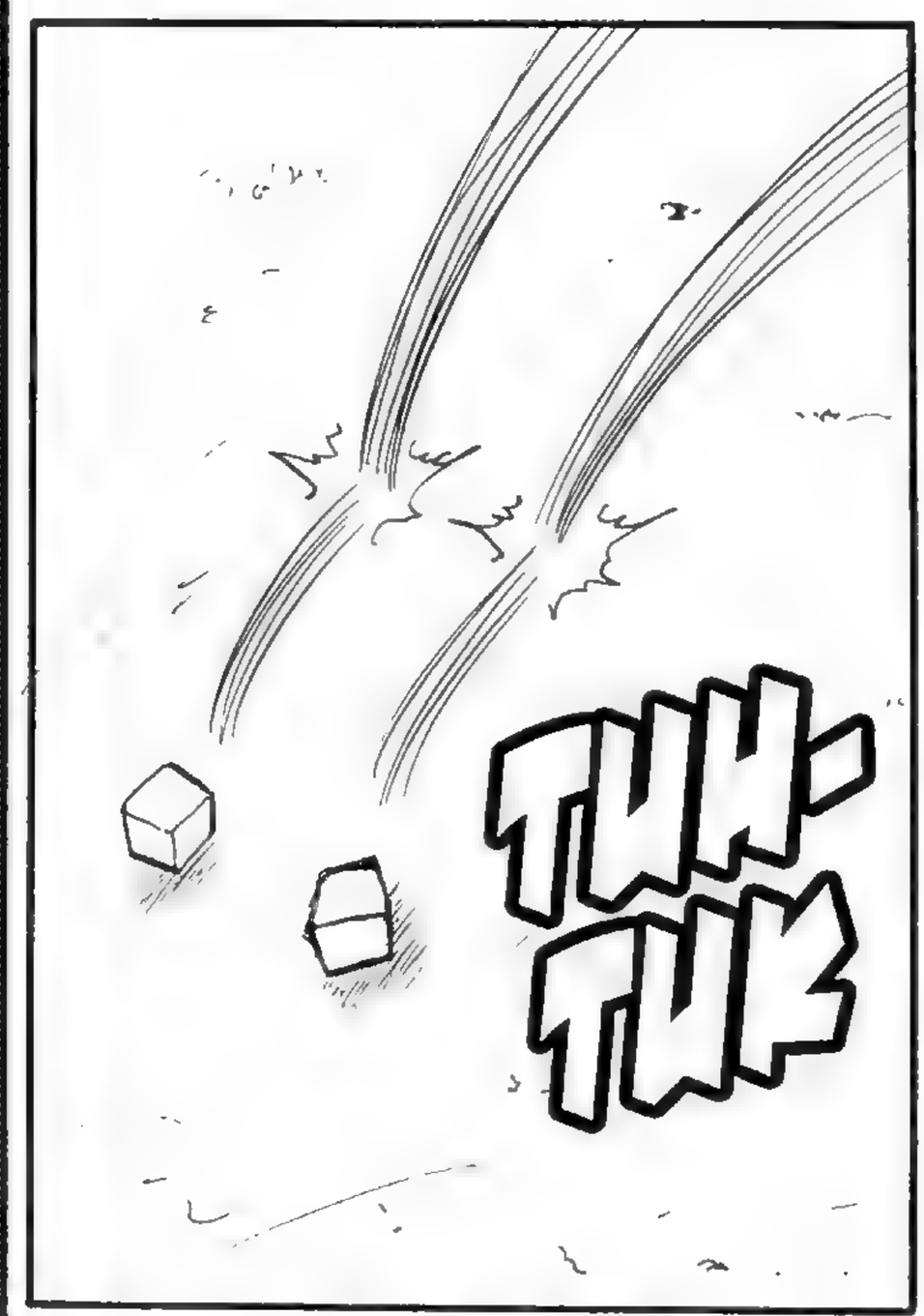
EVIL KINTARO IS DOWN AND CLEARLY OUT OF THE FIGHT!

THE WINNER OF THE FIRST MATCH IS HIEI!!

OOOOOOH

BLIMEY! THAT WAS QUICK!!

SORRY, BLOW-BY-BLOW FANS, BUT THAT WAS TOO FAST TO FOLLOW!!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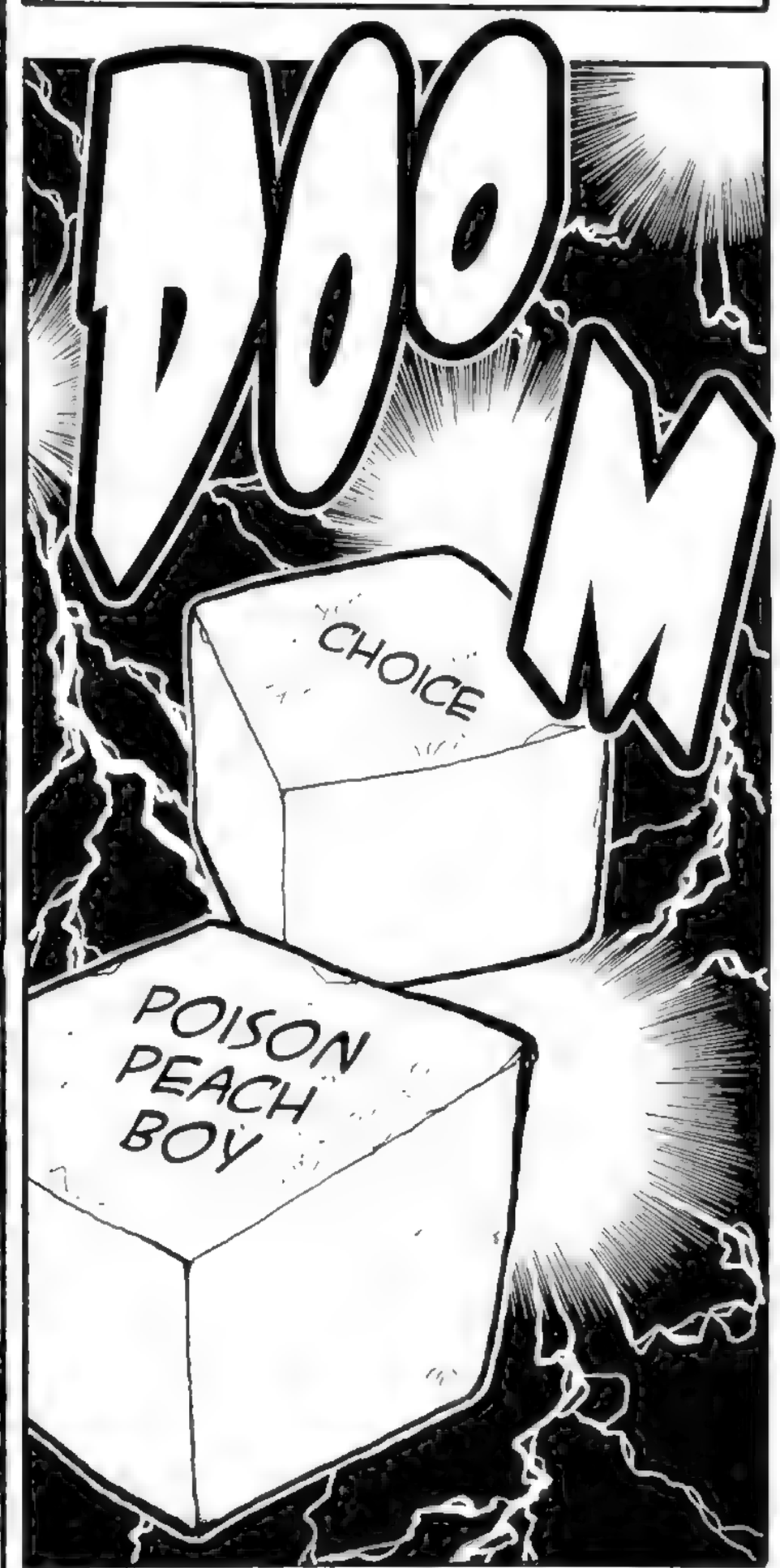
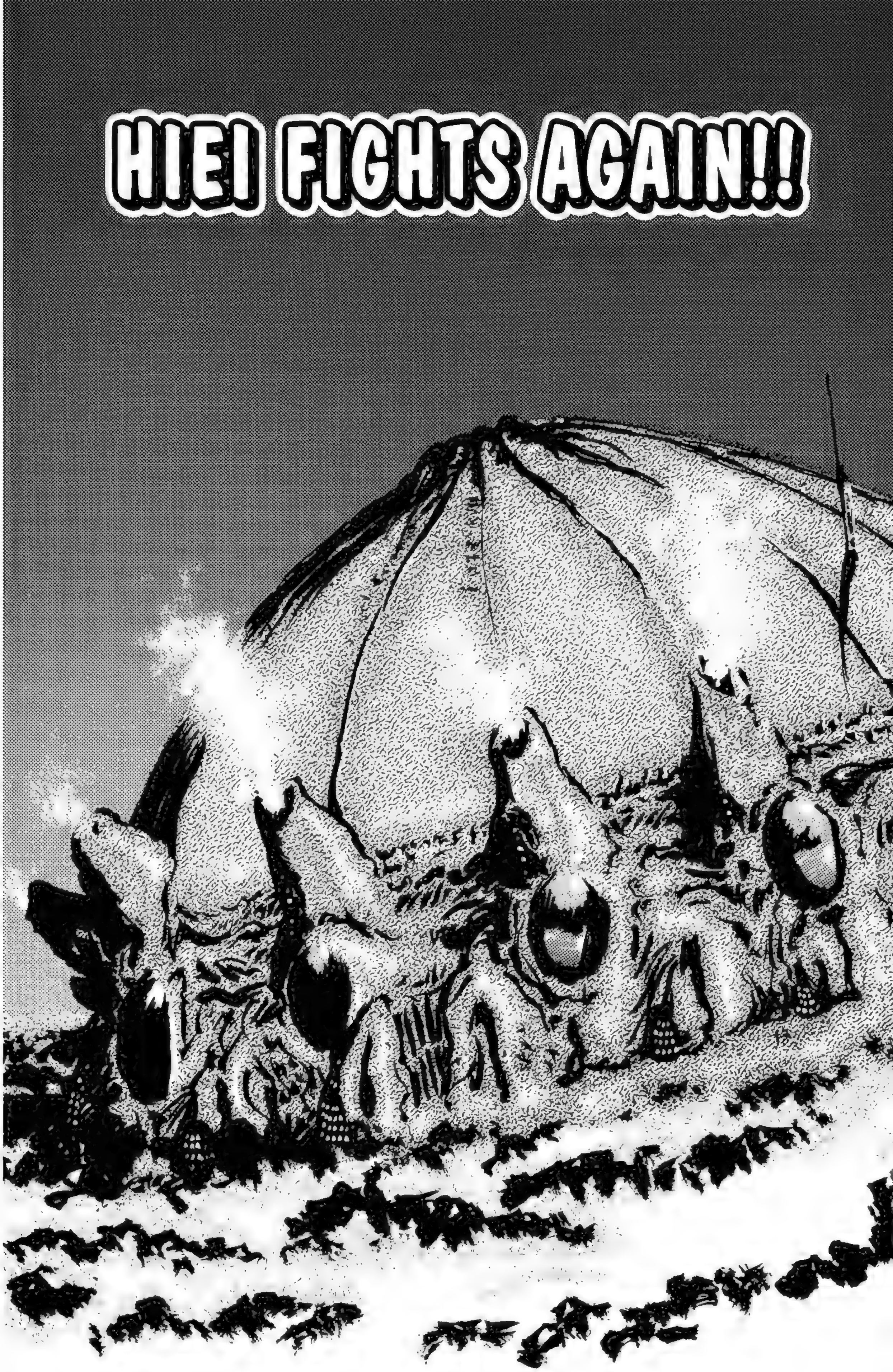
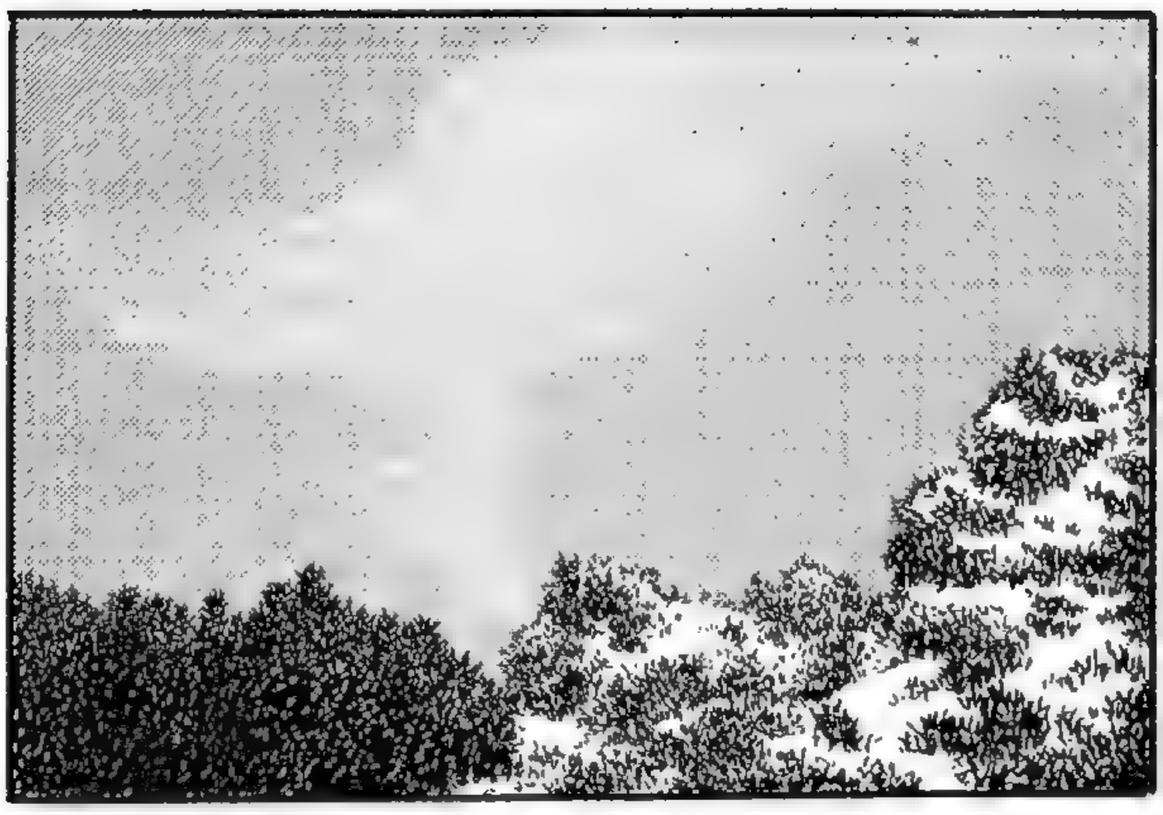
TUK


BOOM
CHOICE
POISON
PEACH
BOY

HIEI FIGHTS AGAIN!!





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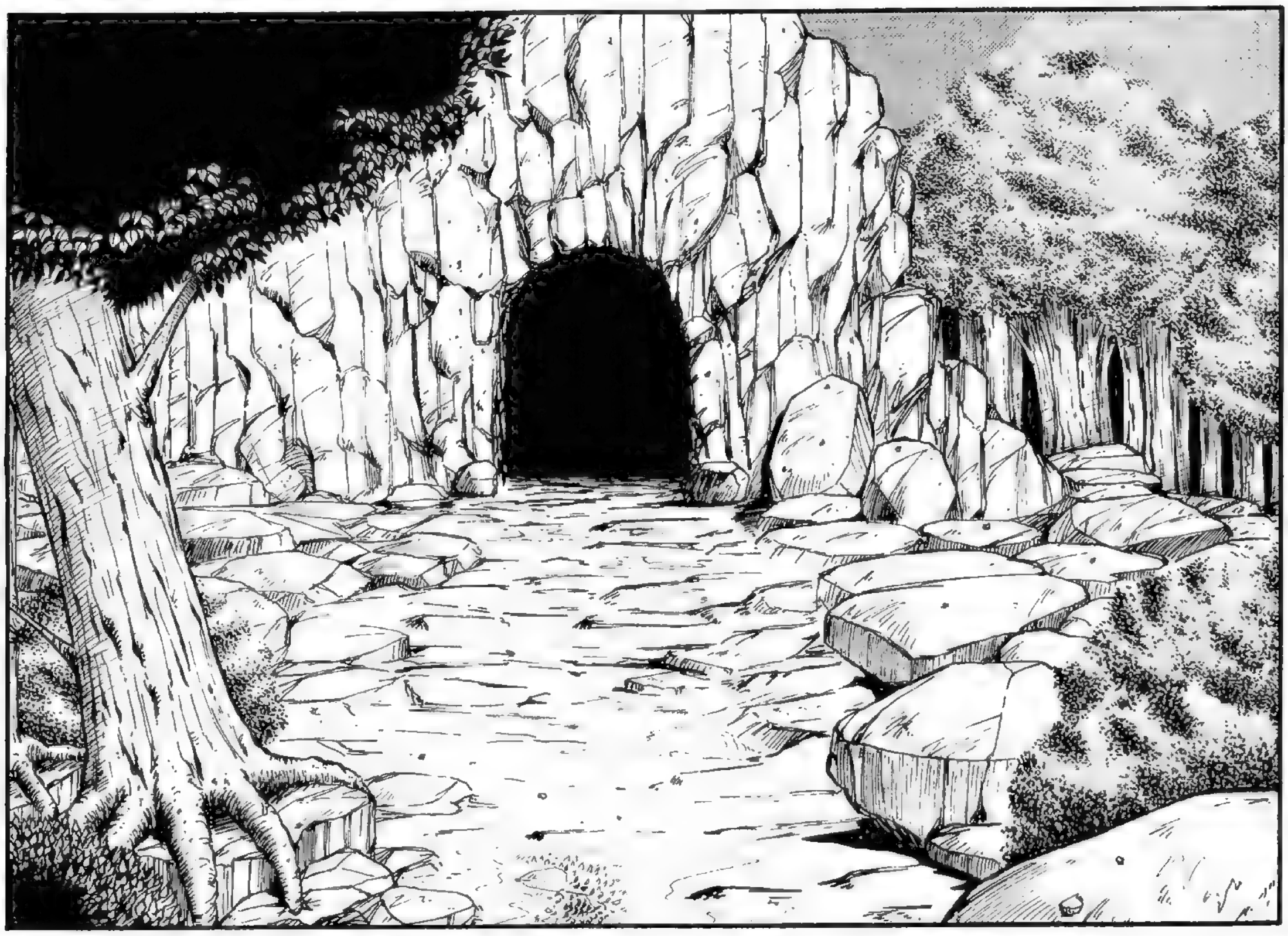
PLIP



PLIP

BUH-BUH-BUH-BUH-BUH-BUH-

GYUURRR!

GYAAAH!!!

HAH
RUUUMBLE
GRRURR ...!
STAGGER
AAAAGH!

...AGAINST TOGURO! I'D HOPED THE TOURNAMENT HAD TEMPERED HIM ENOUGH TO ENDURE IT...THAT HIS AURA LEVEL HAS HEIGHTENED...

...BUT WITHOUT IT, YUSUKE HAS NO CHANCE AT ALL...

I WAS RIGHT...IT'S TOO SOON...

HUFF

HUFF

...AND INTACT!!

...BUT HE STILL HAS NO MORE THAN AN EVEN CHANCE OF GETTING THROUGH THIS ALIVE...

IT'S ALL OR NOTHING NOW, YUSUKE!!

TO SURVIVE THE TOURNAMENT, HE MUST SURVIVE THIS!!

OOOOOH
WE PICKED OUR CONTENDER ...
...AND ONCE AGAIN, IT'S ME!
FOR THE SECOND MATCH, IT'S HIEI VS. POISON PEACH BOY!!
HE WON'T.
OLD BLOKE...IF HE USES THE BLACK DRAGON...

HE CAN'T, SIMPLE AS THAT.

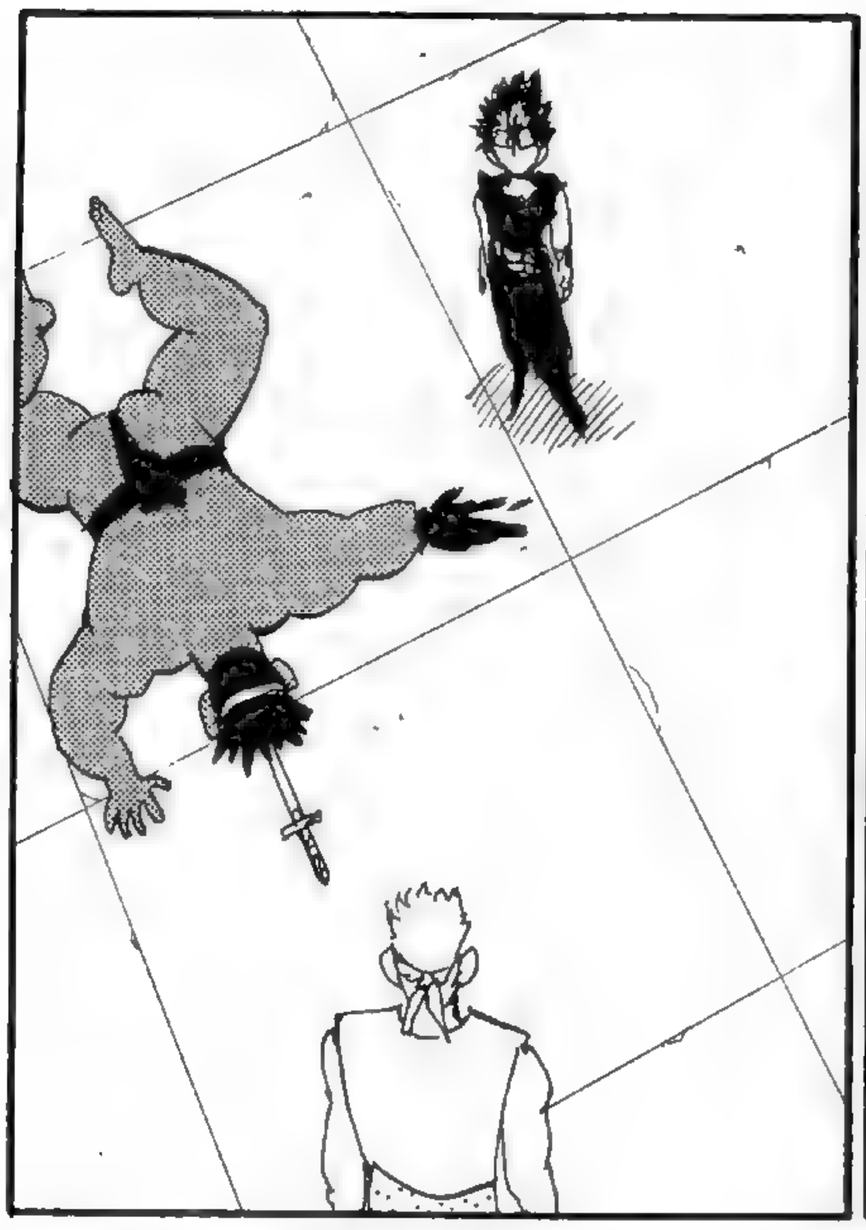
YEAH?
IN SHORT, HE'S WELL BELOW OPTIMUM EFFICIENCY.
HE HASN'T RECOVERED FROM THE LAST TIME, AND HIS AURA IS ONLY AT 60% CAPACITY.

...YOU'LL HAVE HIM, POISON PEACH BOY.

ONCE YOUR BODY COMMITS ITS MOVES TO MEMORY...

...AND HE'S TOO RAW TO HAVE MASTERED THE DEMONIC FLAMES.
HIS EVIL EYE IS ACQUIRED ...

I'M SURE HE HAS OTHER TECHNIQUES UTILIZING THE FIERY MOTIF, BUT YOU'LL HAVE NO TROUBLE HANDLING THOSE.
HE HAS THE BLACK DRAGON BUT INSUFFICIENT STRENGTH TO WIELD IT.



FOR-
WARD!!

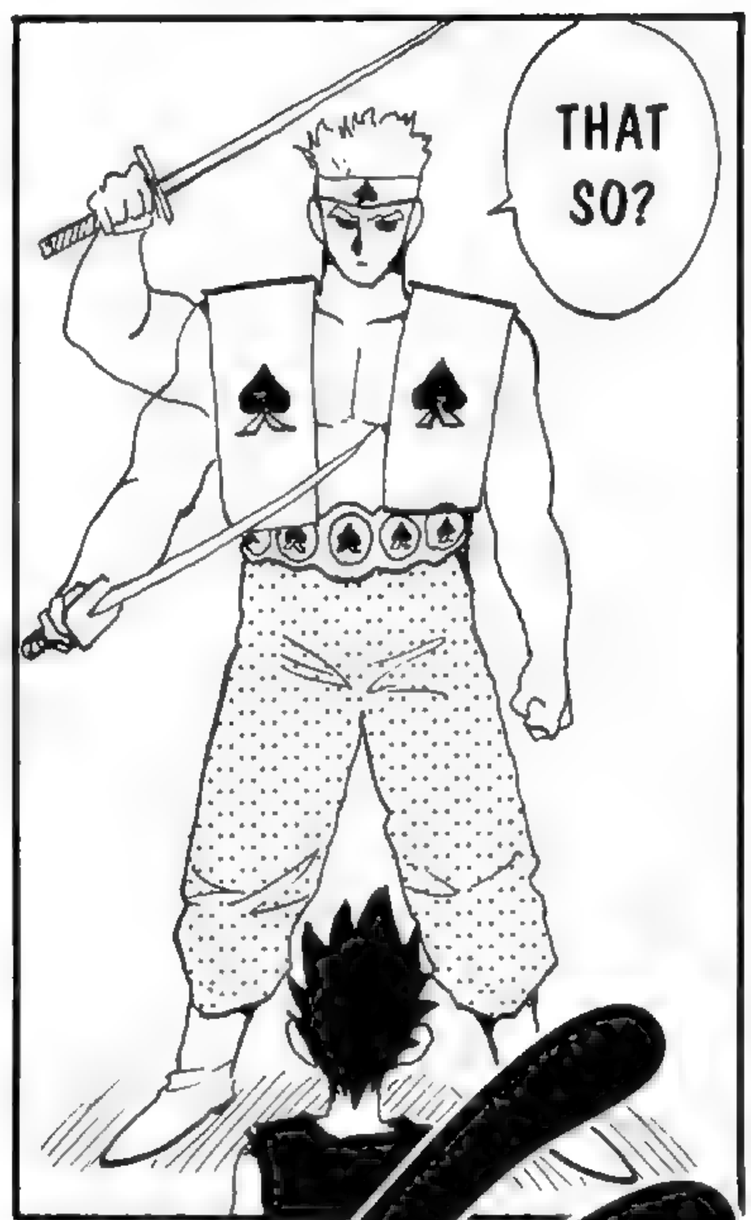
I'LL GO WITH THAT.
WITH NO BLACK DRAGON, HE'S JUST ANOTHER GRUNT.

...IF YOU ASK ME, HE WASN'T THAT MUCH TO BEGIN WITH.
TOO BAD ABOUT EVIL KINTARO. STILL...

!!

LICK
DON'T EXPECT YOUR TRICKS TO WORK WITH ME.

OMP
WH


THAT SO?

KEEP IT IF YOU LIKE.
I'LL TAKE YOUR LIFE AS AN EVEN TRADE.

NICE SWORD.

MUCH OBLIGED.
SLICE

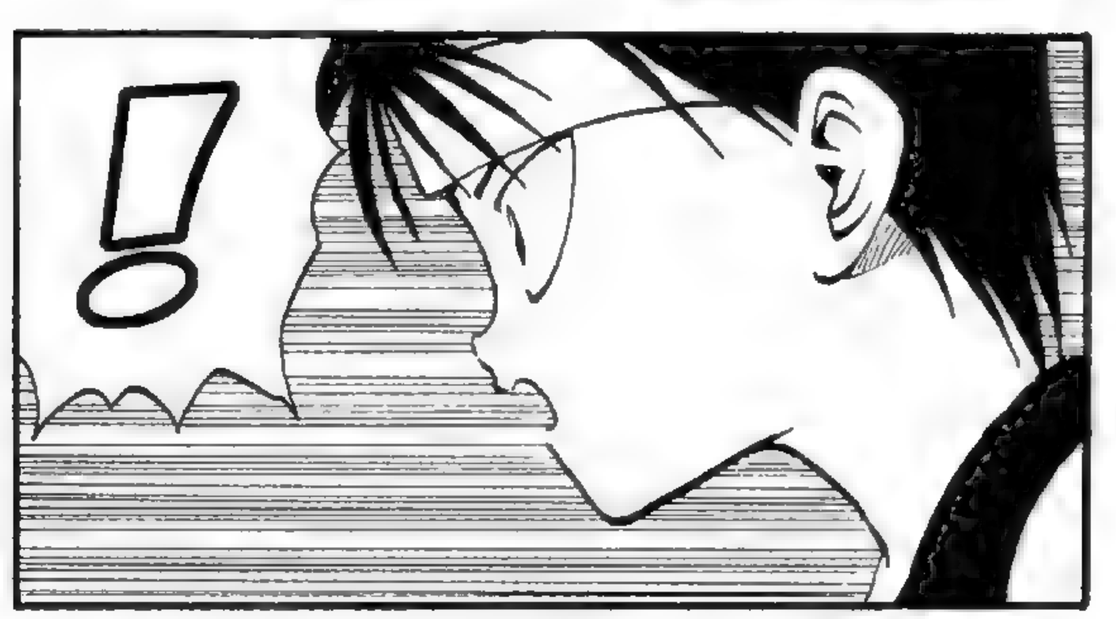
?!

WHOO MAN, THAT SMARTS! THAT'S ONE SHARP BLADE!
SPLUT
HEE HEE HEE HEE!
I'VE JUST MEMORIZED THAT SHARPNESS !!
HEE HEE HEE...
IDIOT WHACKED OFF HIS OWN FINGERS!
THIS GUY SOME KINDA LUNATIC?!

SQUOOSH
AND NOW... A MILLET DUMPLING!
PUFF
RUSTLE RUSTLE
HEH HEH HEH...

BEAST ARMOR ONE— DEMON SIMIAN PELT!

...WE'LL SEE!!


!

HMMPH !
HEH...

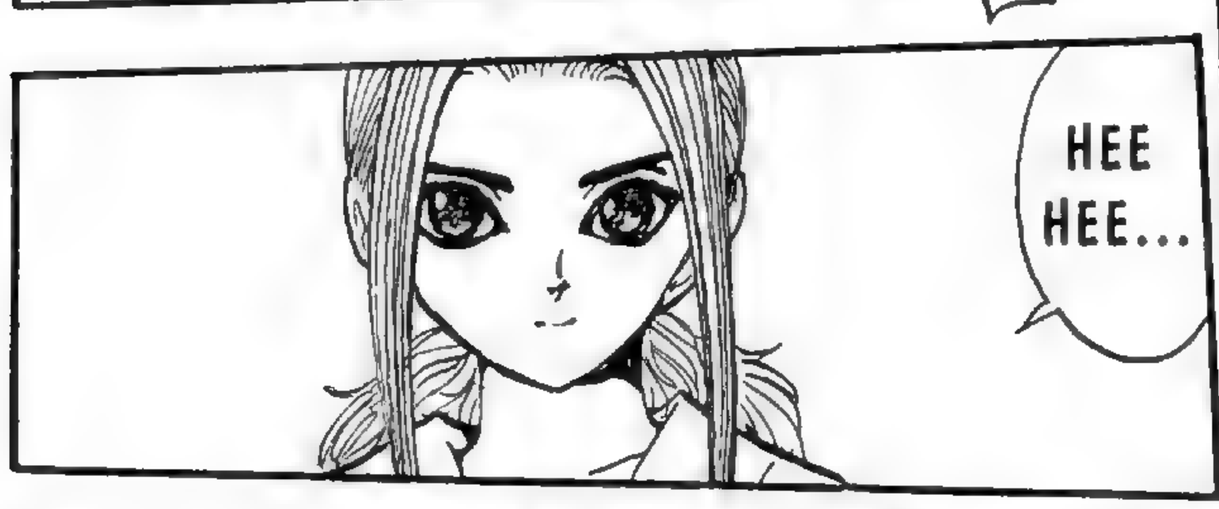
YOU'RE SLOW, KID.

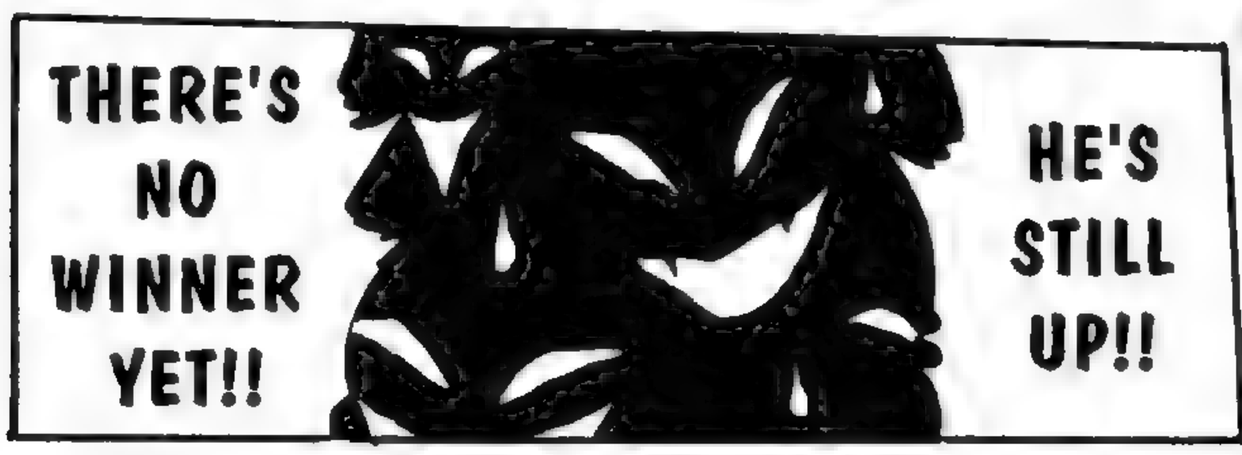
PA-

BOOM!

GEEZ LOU-EEZ!!

...CLEAN ACROSS THE ARENA!!
HE KNOCKED HIEI...


HEE HEE...


THERE'S NO WINNER YET!!
HE'S STILL UP!!

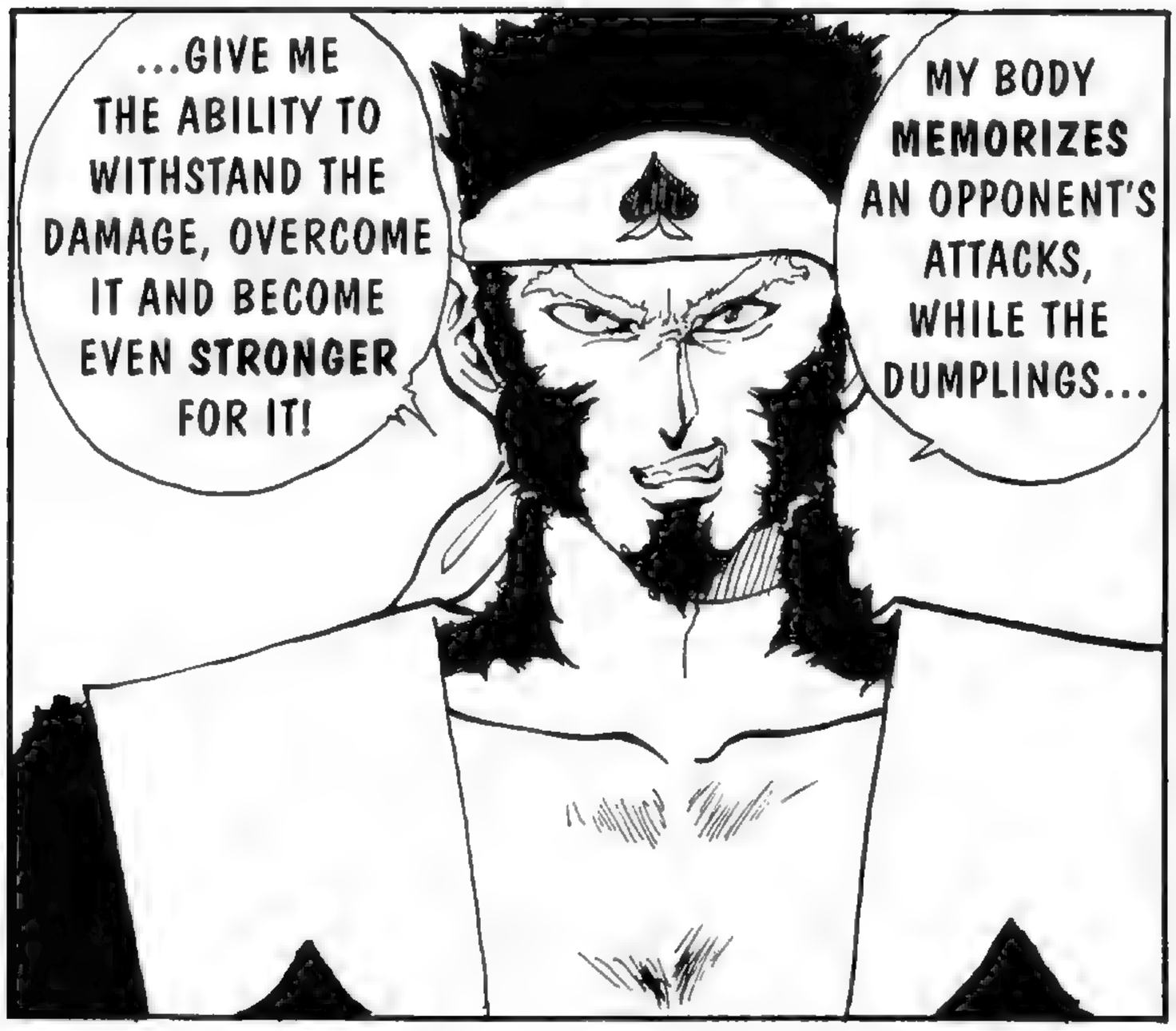
SLICE 'IM!

SKIN 'IM!

MASH 'IM!

POUND 'IM!

STOMP 'IM!



MY BODY WILL MEMORIZE ITS INTENSITY...

SO TRY YOUR BLAZING FIST OF THE OVERLORD, SHRIMP!!

...AND THROW IT BACK AT YOU!!

SURE... WHY NOT?

RRUUM

MMBLE

THE INVINCIBLE BEAST ARMOR!!

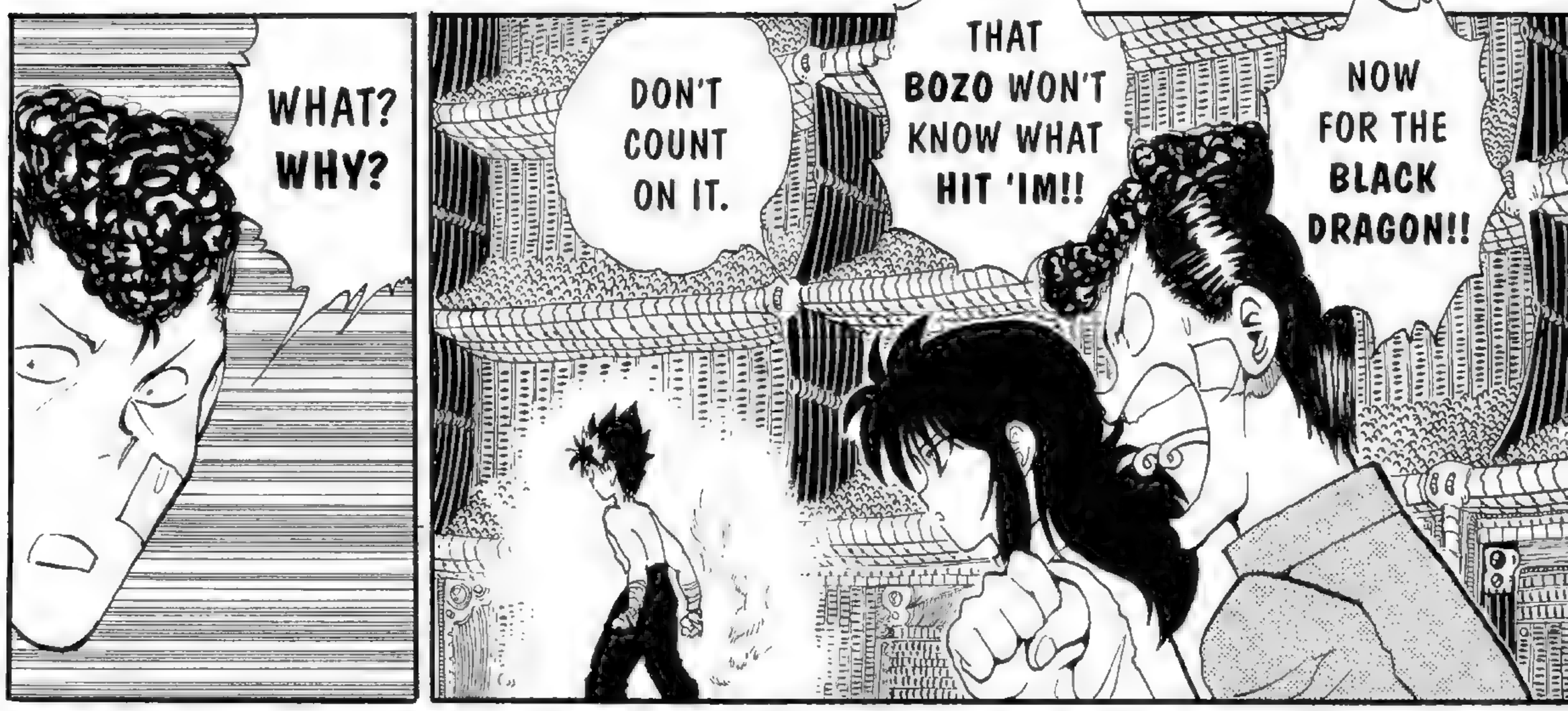
IT'S THE LAST PITCH YOU'LL EVER MAKE TO ME, I GUARANTEE IT!!

THAT'S IT! GIMME THE WORKS!!

...HERE IT COMES!

GET READY, THEN...

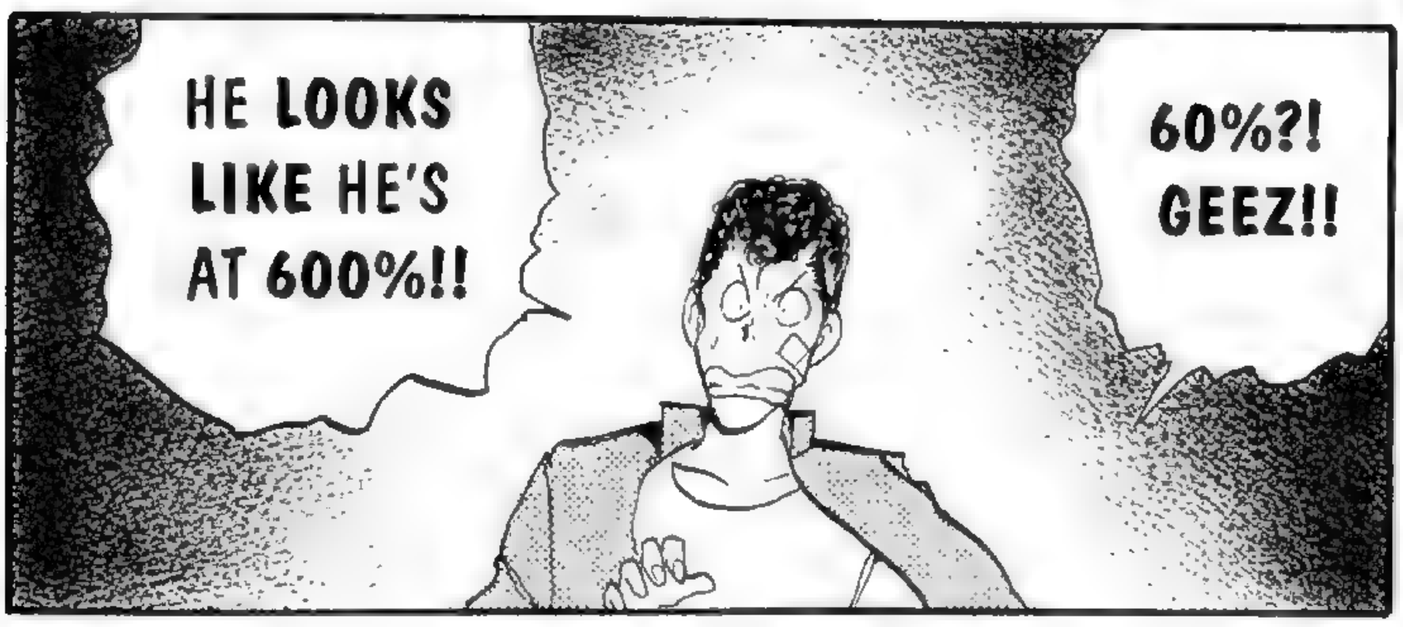
HOOOOOW


WHAT? WHY?
DON'T COUNT ON IT.
THAT BOZO WON'T KNOW WHAT HIT 'IM!!
NOW FOR THE BLACK DRAGON!!

HE NEARLY LOST HIS RIGHT ARM IN THE BATTLE AGAINST ZERU BECAUSE HE REALLY DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH.
TO SUMMON IT INTO THE HUMAN WORLD, HIEI HAS TO LURE IT WITH AN IMMENSE OUTPOURING OF AURA.
THE BLACK DRAGON EMBODIES THE FLAMES OF HELL AND CAN ONLY EXIST IN MIASMA.

...SO SUMMONING THE DRAGON'S OUT OF THE QUESTION.
HE'S DOWN TO 60-70% OF HIS USUAL LEVEL OF AURA...

DIABOLICAL MECHANICS!!
SO PUNY!
OOSH
WHICH, IN HINDSIGHT, SUGGESTS THOSE FLAMES WERE OF THE HUMAN WORLD.
DON'T... BET ON IT!!
!!
HA


HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S AT 600%!!
60%?! GEEZ!!

THE INVINCIBLE BEAST ARMOR!!

SURE!!
EAT THIS!

PASHOO
OVERLORD PURGATORY SCORCH!
PAM
PAM
OOF
SNNNNN
EE-YAAH!
YIIEE!
WOBBLE

HEE HEE...

...HEH HEH...

SEEMS I DON'T NEED THE DEMON FLAME!

REGULAR FIRE'S MORE THAN ENOUGH TO FLATTEN YOU!

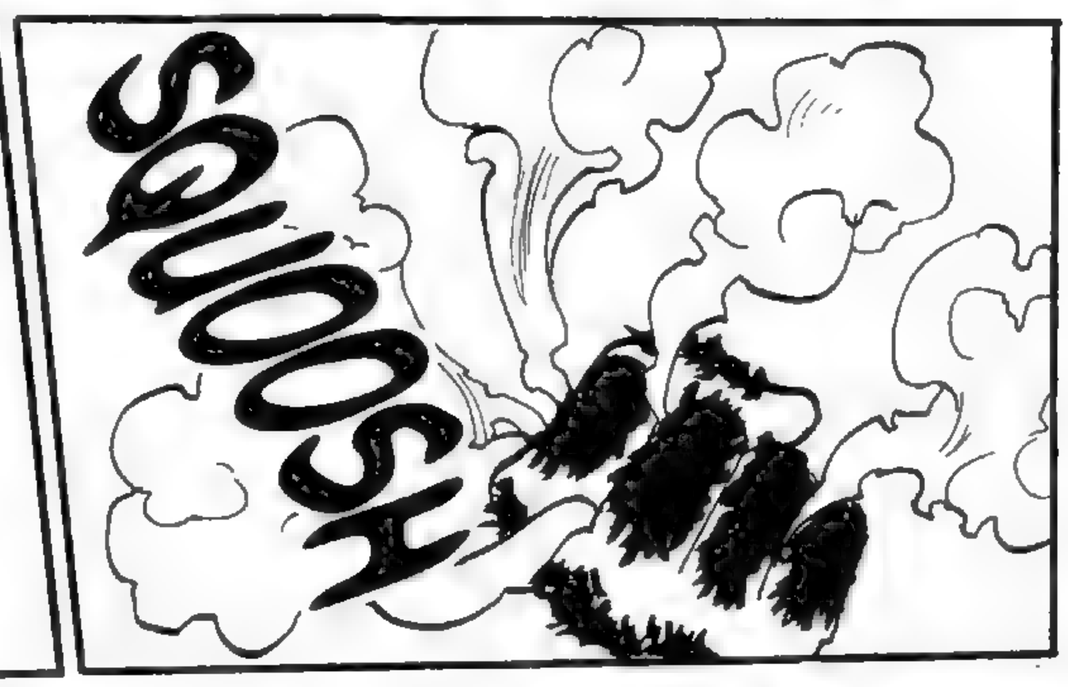
THAT ATTACK...IS MEMORIZED!

HA HA HA HA!

HEH HEH HEH HEH...

LOOKS LIKE HE CAN BACK UP HIS BOASTS!!
murmur murmur
POISON PEACH BOY'S STILL STANDING!!
MUTTER
MUTTER

PUFF


SQUOOSH

YOU'LL HAVE TO TRY...
...SOME-THING ELSE!

HA HA HA HA!!

CRICKLE CRACKLE

BEAST ARMOR TWO— DEMON AVIAN PELT!

6
BEE-YOING
PTUI

SHAH!!
FFT
FFT
FFT

HAAH!!!!
KAMEHAMEHA

!!
HE IS GETTING TOUGHER!
SZZZ
KAMMA

HAMP
HUH?!
—IN SPEED AND POWER NOW!!
HAH! I BEAT YOU—
I'M IMPERVIOUS ...
...TO BLADE AND FLAME! I WIN!!
SO IT SEEMS.

SIMIAN'S ENOUGH FOR MOST OPPONENTS, BUT THIS GUY FORCED ME UP TO AVIAN! QUITE IMPRESSIVE!

I HAVE THREE BATTLE DUMPLINGS— SIMIAN, AVIAN, AND CANINE!!

...BUT THAT'S PROBABLY NOT WISE! HE MIGHT FIND A STRATEGY!!

I COULD TAKE MY TIME WITH HIM NOW...

BUT I WON'T TAKE **CHANCES!** I'LL SEAL YOUR **DEFEAT!!**

HEH HEH... GUESS YOU'RE **STUMPED,** HUH!

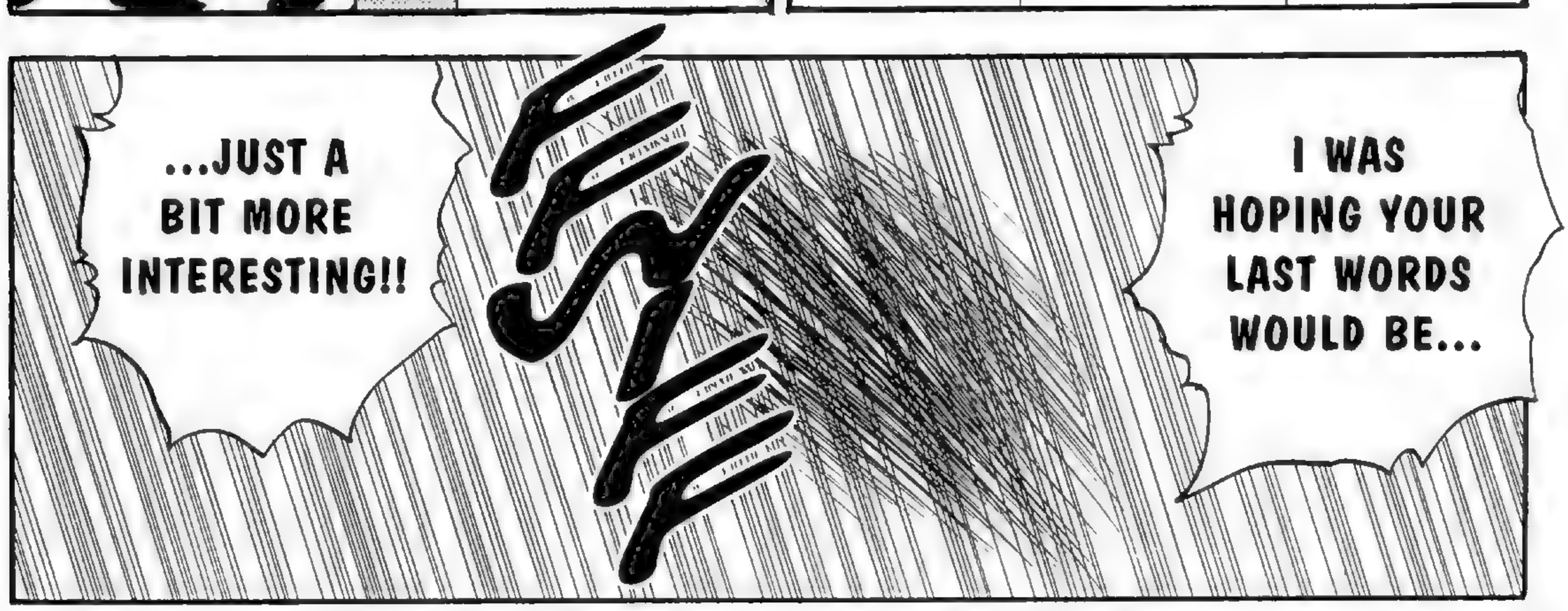
DEMON CANINE PELT!!

...I'M NOW YOUR WORST NIGHTMARE!
HARF HARF HARF...
FEH!
.....
YOU'VE GOT A POWERFUL AURA, KID, BUT THAT...
...WON'T PROTECT YOU FROM THESE FANGS AND CLAWS!!
...HOPING TO AVOID DOING THIS...
I WAS...

...NO ACE, JUST A MOVE...
NO...
...I REALLY DON'T LIKE TO USE.

YOU SAYING YOU HAVE AN ACE IN THE HOLE? I DON'T THINK SO!
HEH... DON'T GO TRYING ANY MIND GAMES.
RAAH
RAAH

MUST BE FIERCE, WHATEVER IT IS!
SHEE... WHAT COULD MAKE HIE! HESITATE?!


...JUST A BIT MORE INTERESTING!!
I WAS HOPING YOUR LAST WORDS WOULD BE...

CHO
MP

WHAT IN—?!

BLAZING ...

...SWORD OF THE OVERLORD!!

NOT JUST ANY FLAME!! HE INTEGRATED IT WITH HIS AURA TO CREATE A SWORD EDGE KEEN ENOUGH TO SLICE THROUGH PEACH BOY'S ARMORED HIDE! I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH AN INCREDIBLE DISPLAY OF COMBAT INSTINCTS!

A FLAME SWORD?!

YOU DIDN'T LIKE USING AN ABILITY THAT RESEMBLED MINE?!

...HANG ON A SEC!!

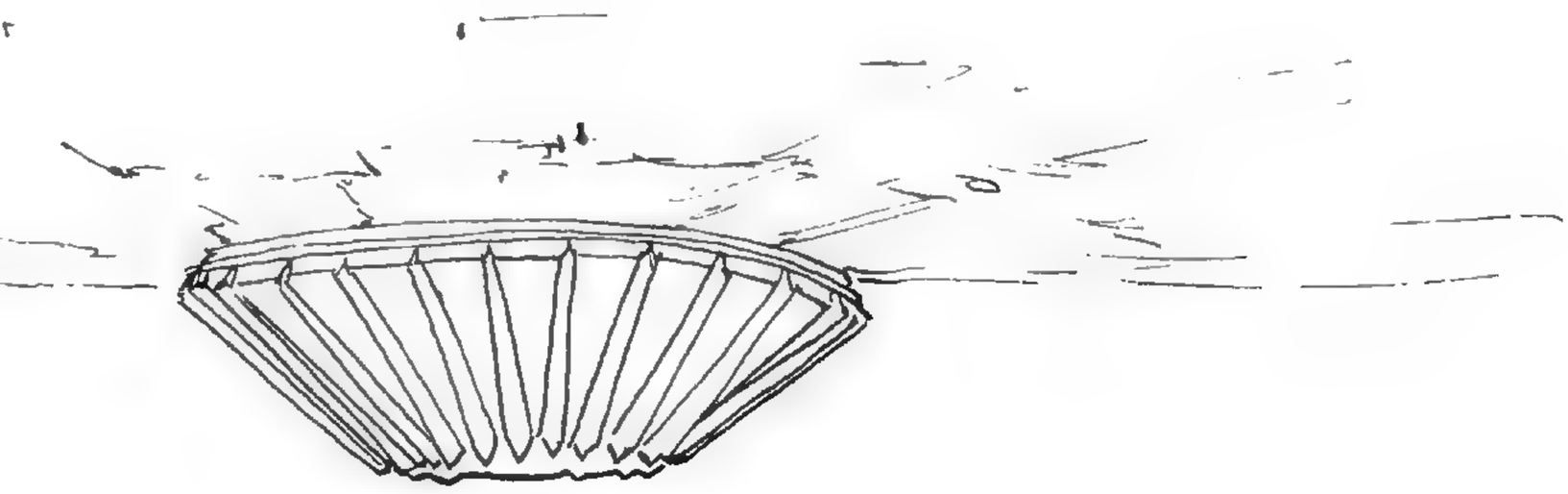
UM...

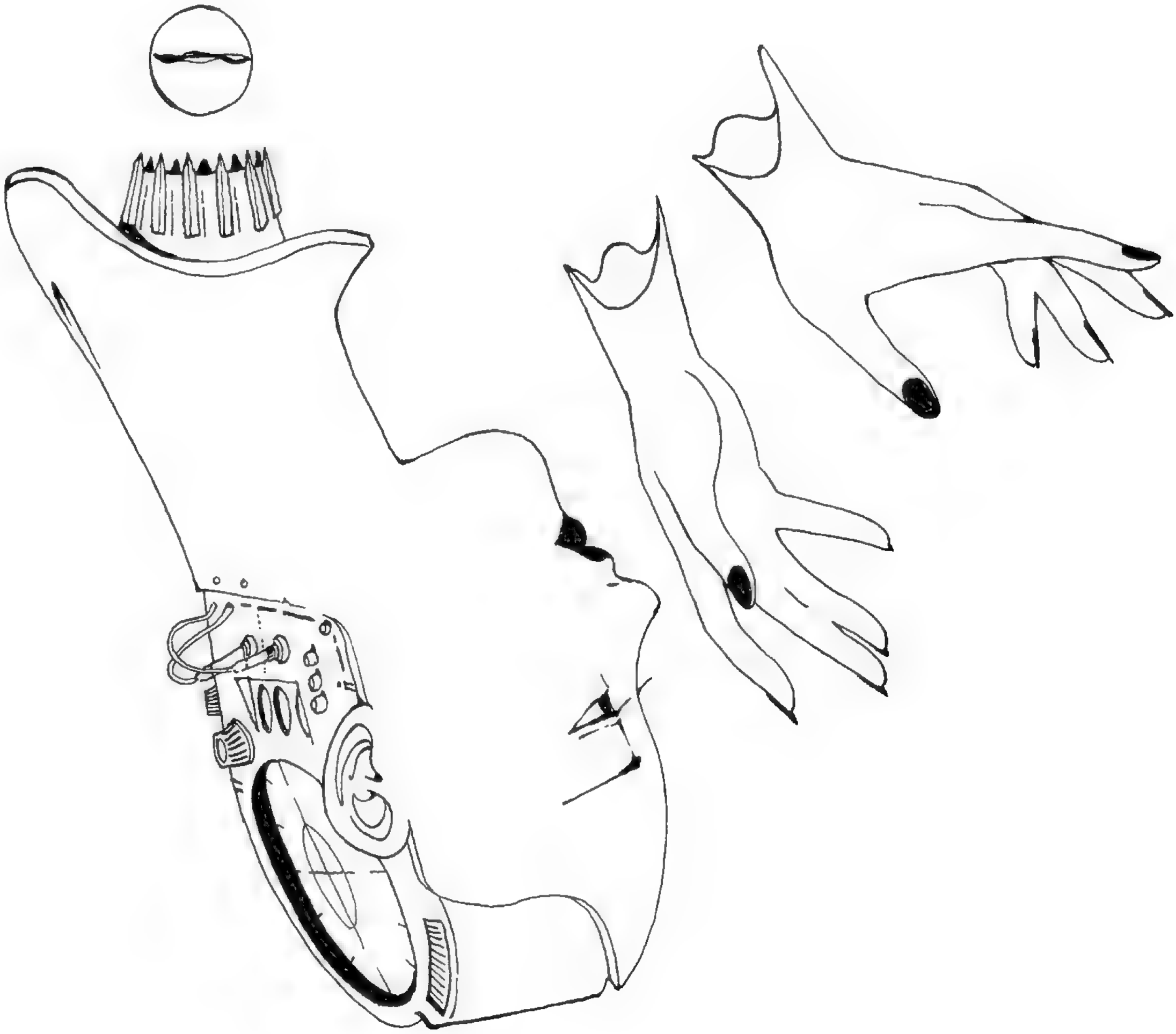
...EXCEPT MINE'S A CANDLE, HIS IS A BLOW-TORCH!

TH-THAT LOOKED LIKE MY AURA SWORD...

...GOT IT IN ONE!

HEH...





WHEN THE MAGIC BOX OPENS!!
SPLAT
POISON PEACH BOY'S OUT OF THE FIGHT! ANOTHER WIN FOR HIEI!
RIP
HIEI SLICED PEACH BOY WIDE OPEN, FOLKS! WHAT A CONTENDER!
HMM... THAT'S A DEEP WOUND. NICE...
NEARLY AIN'T ENOUGH! CAN'T ANYONE NAIL THIS BRAT?
HOUNDS OF HADES! HE NEARLY DID IT!

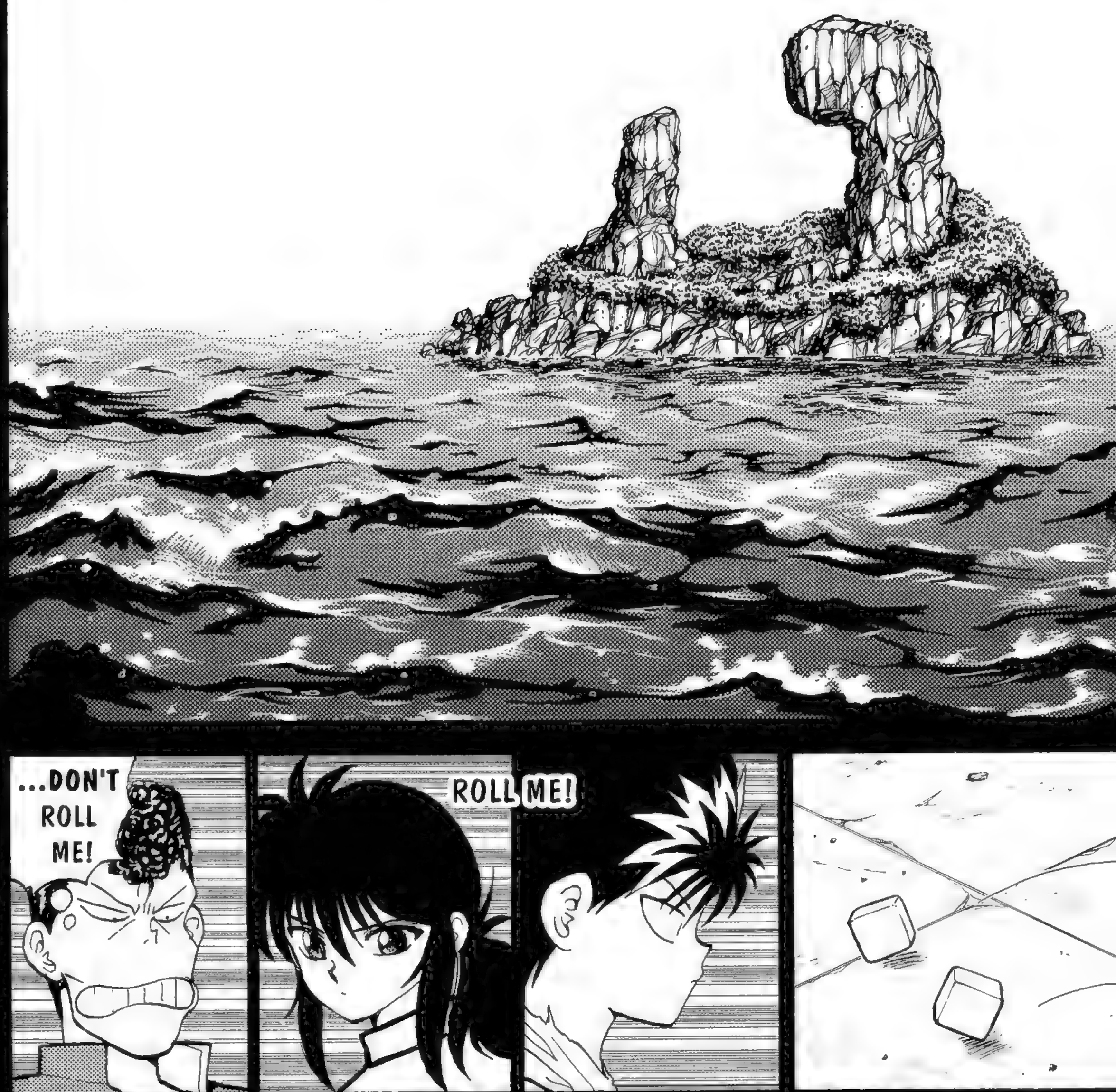
URAMESHI'S A NO-SHOW...

...HE'S TRYING TO PUMP HIMSELF UP.
I'M GUESSING ...

TOSS
THIRD TIME'S THE CHARM.
ROLL 'EM AGAIN.

I'D LIKE THE FINAL MATCH, SO...

WHEN THE MAGIC BOX OPENS!!



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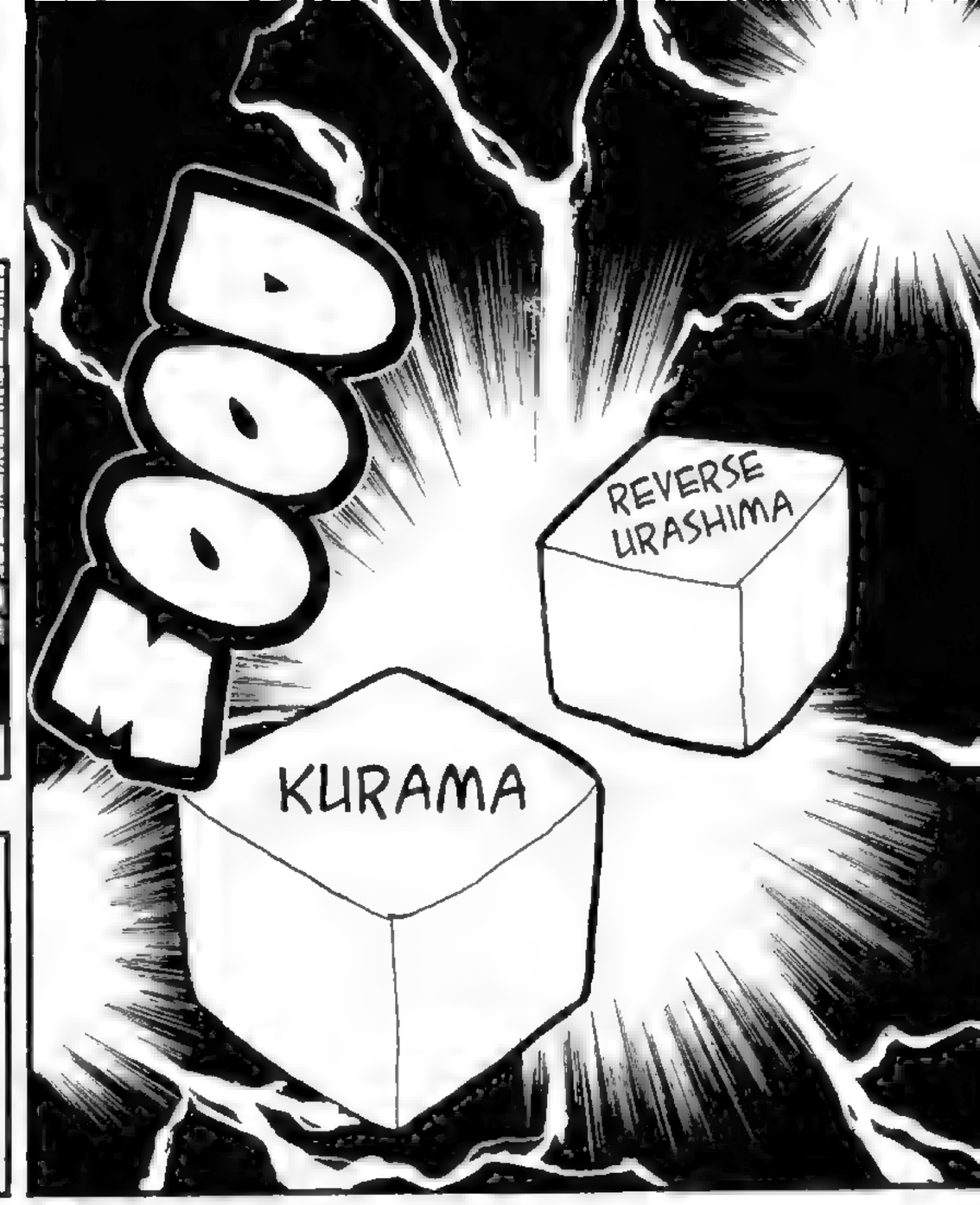
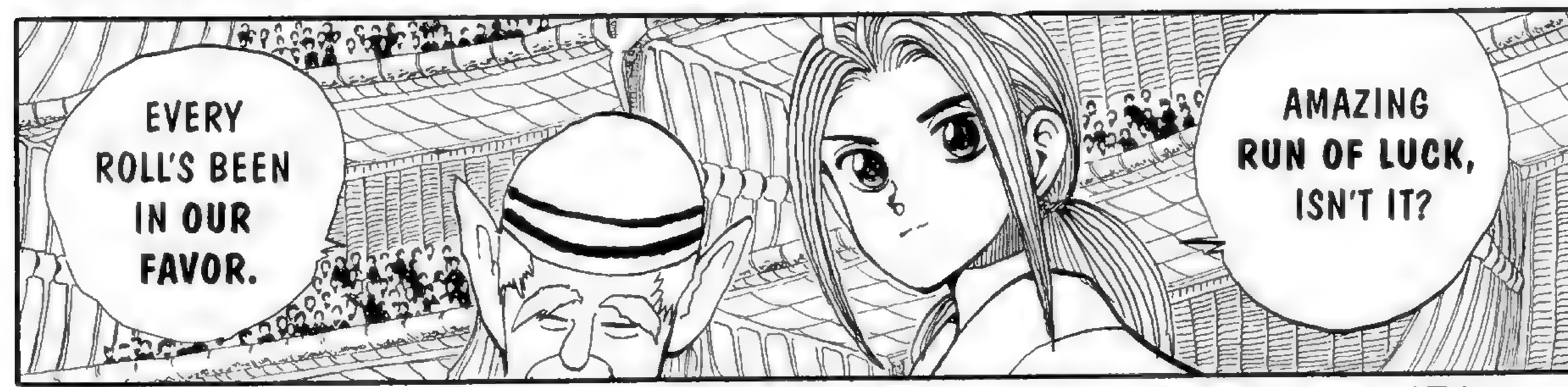
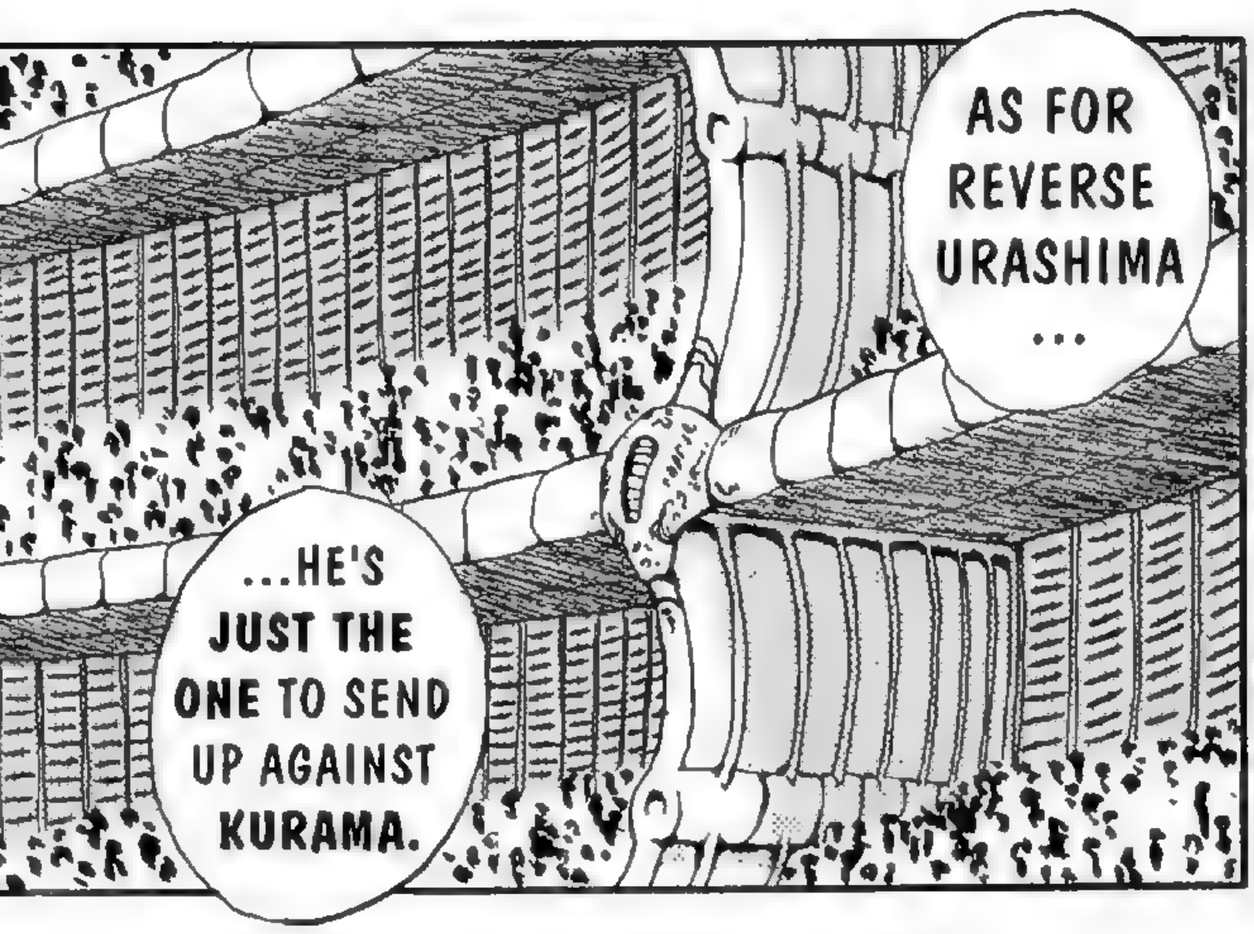
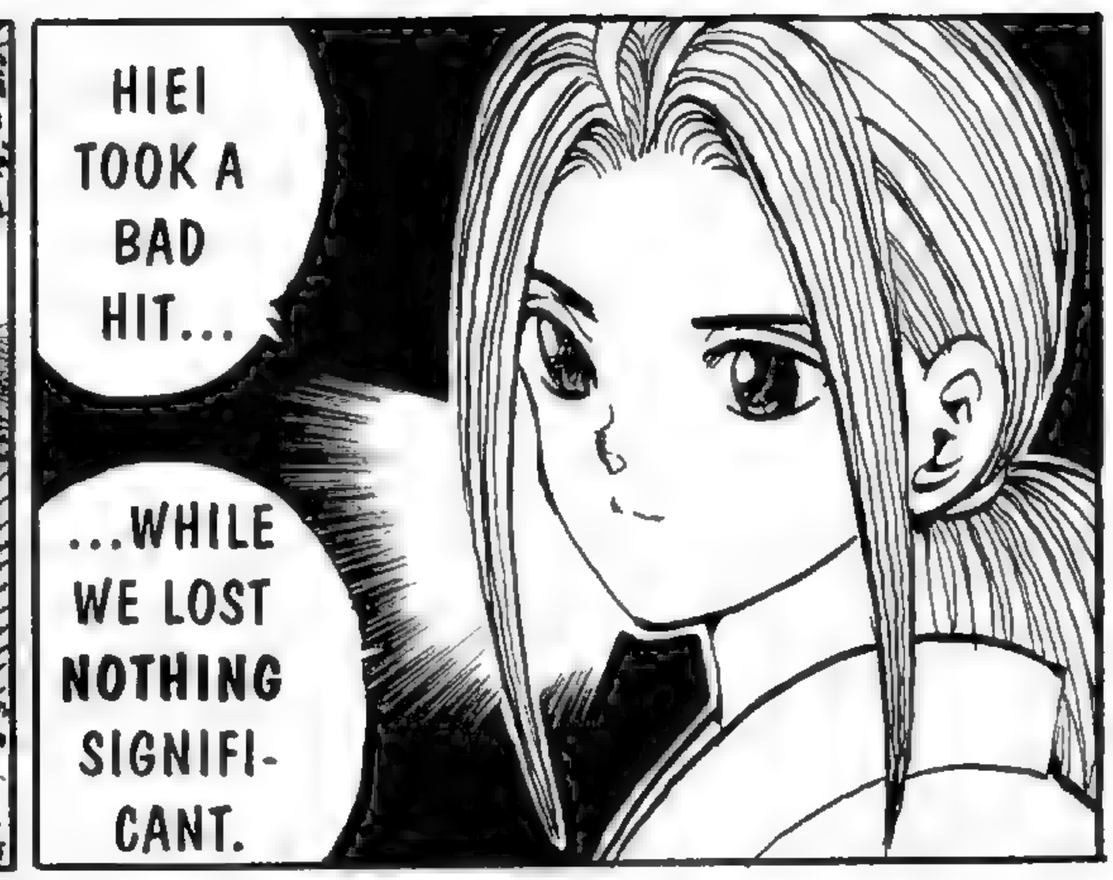

DOOM
REVERSE URASHIMA
KURAMA

FEH!

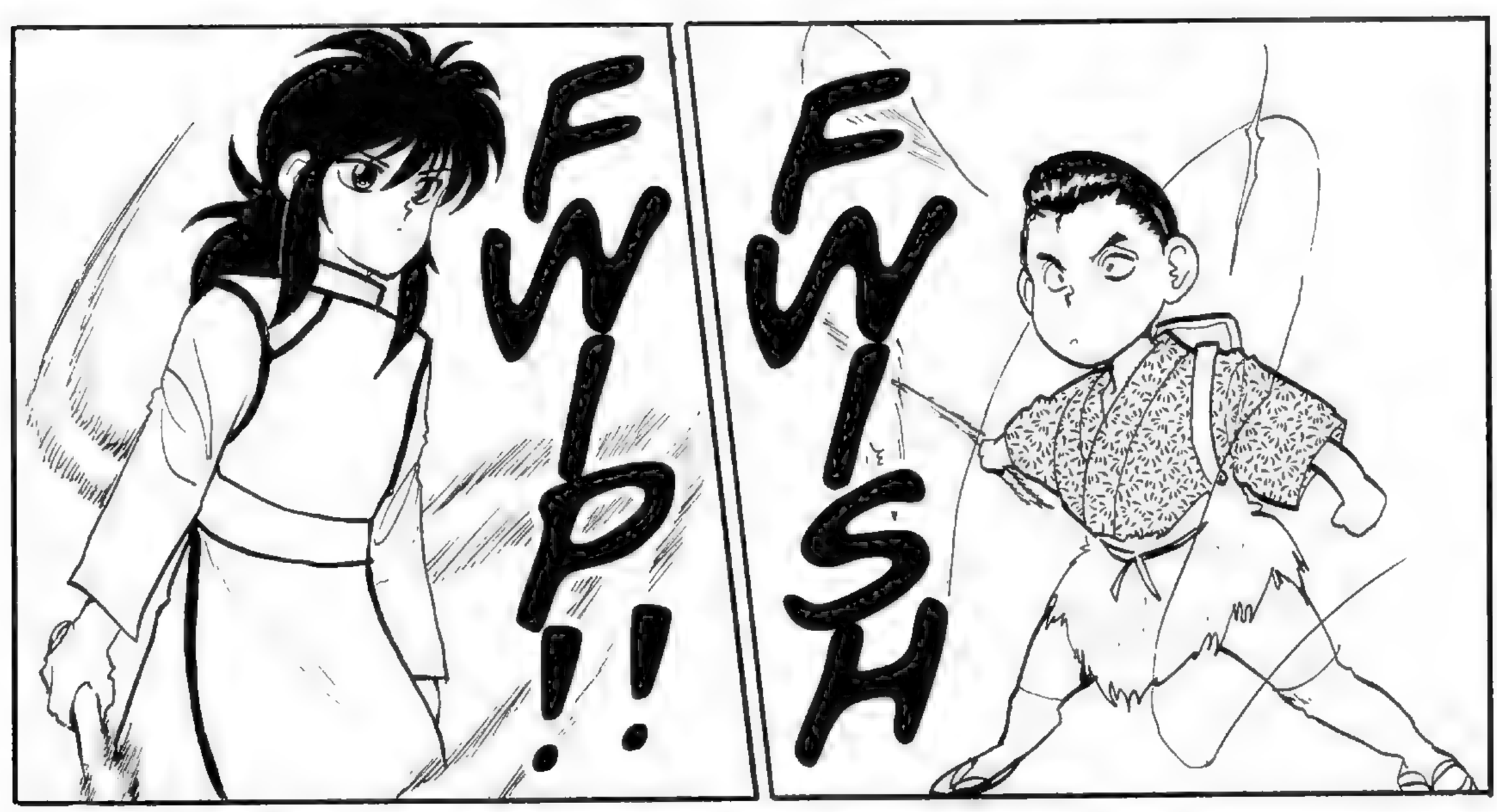
THIRD MATCH IS KURAMA VS. REVERSE URASHIMA!!


EVERY ROLL'S BEEN IN OUR FAVOR.
AMAZING RUN OF LUCK, ISN'T IT?


AS FOR REVERSE URASHIMA ...
...HE'S JUST THE ONE TO SEND UP AGAINST KURAMA.


HIEI TOOK A BAD HIT...
...WHILE WE LOST NOTHING SIGNIFI-CANT.

BEGIN!!


FWIP!!
FWISH

HAH!
THIS COULD TURN INTO AN EXCITING TEST OF RELATIVE SKILL!
CONTESTANTS ARE WIELDING SIMILAR WEAPONS!

SMAP
SMOM
PISH
PASH
SNAP
THERE'RE REAL SPARKS FLYING BETWEEN THEM!!
WHAT'D I TELL YA?! AMAZING !!
ZIP
ZIP ZIP ZIP
ODD...HIS HEART'S NOT IN HIS MOVES...
...?

I DON'T WANT TO WIN...
...IN FACT, I WANT TO DIE!

?
KEEP IT UP, AND JUST LISTEN.

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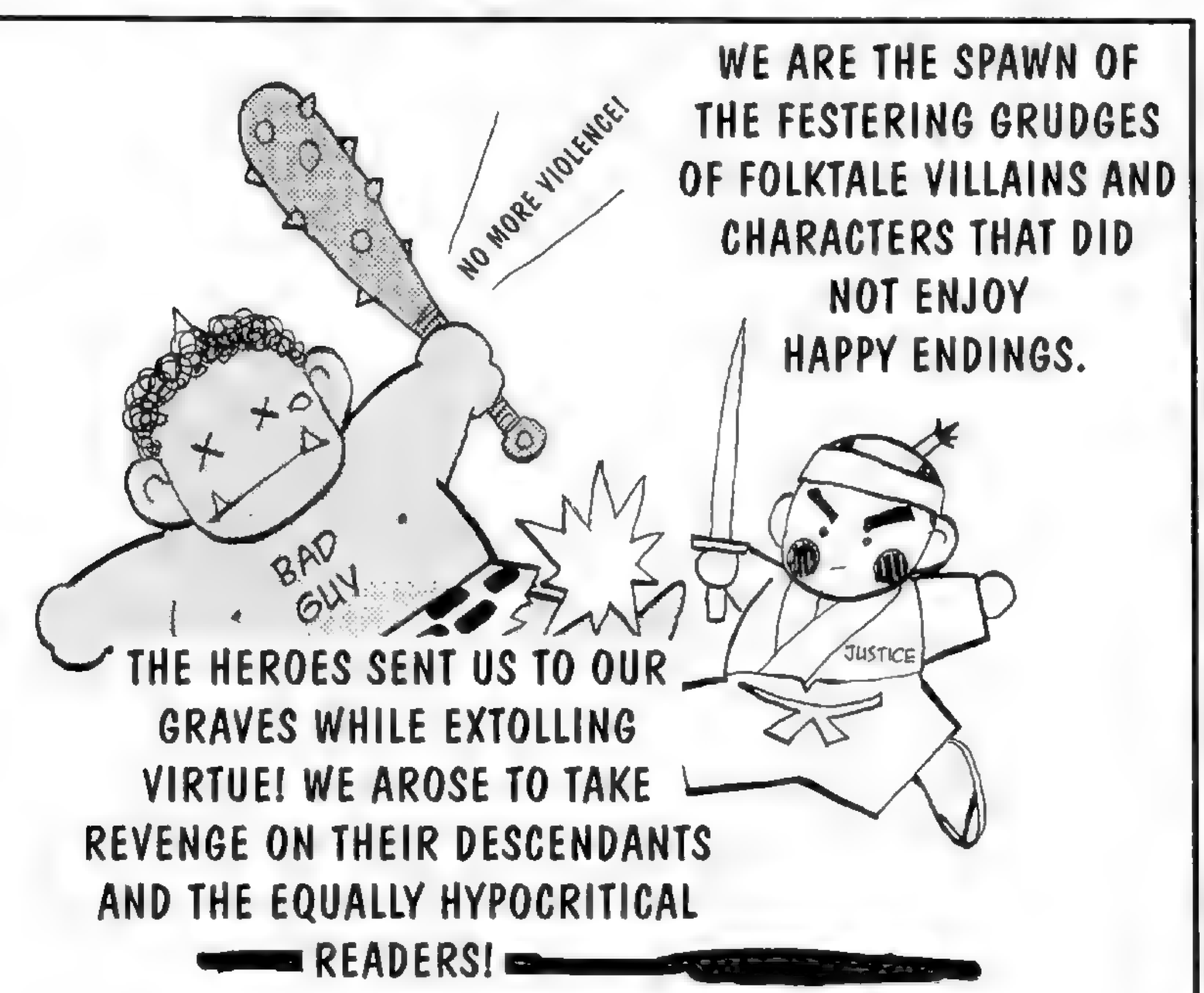
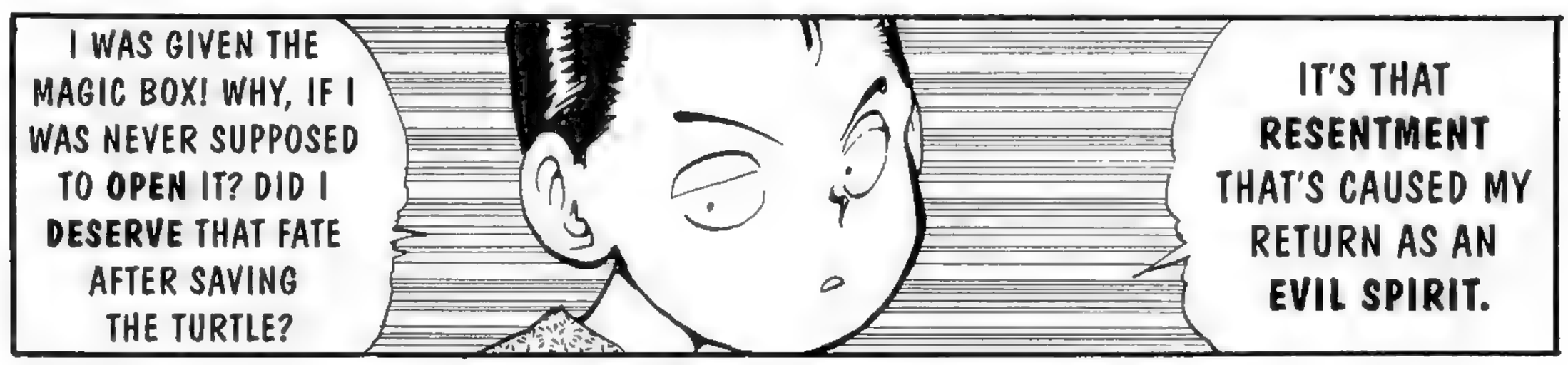
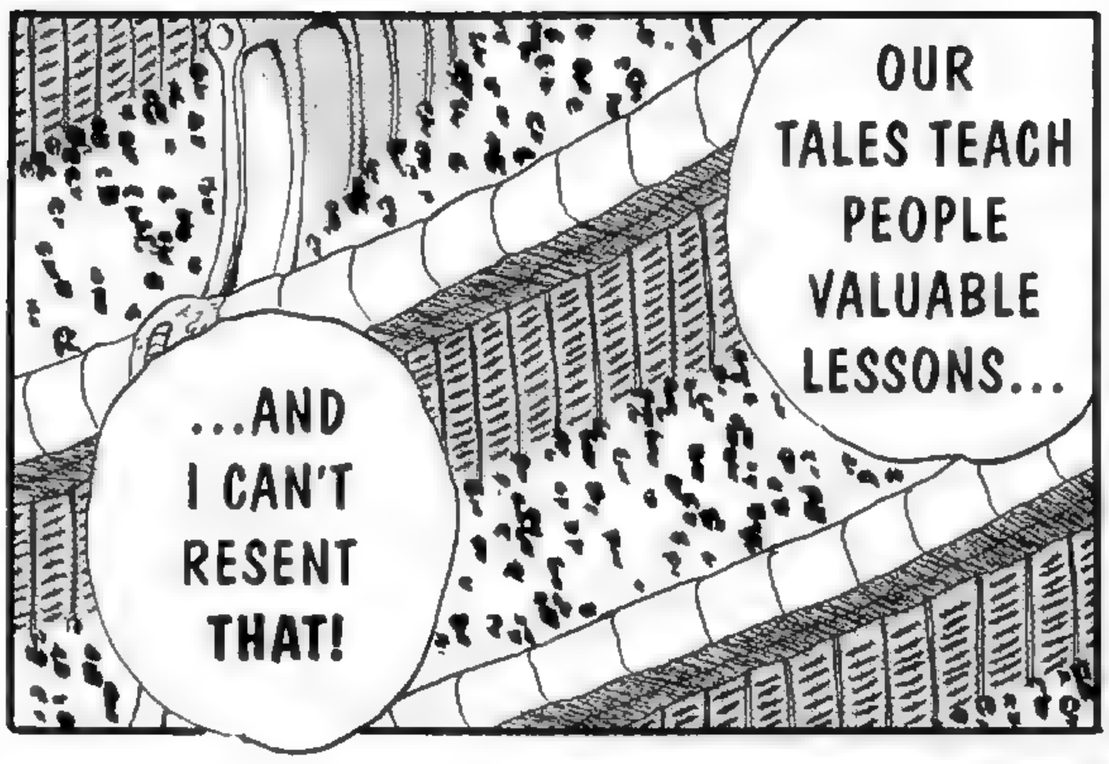
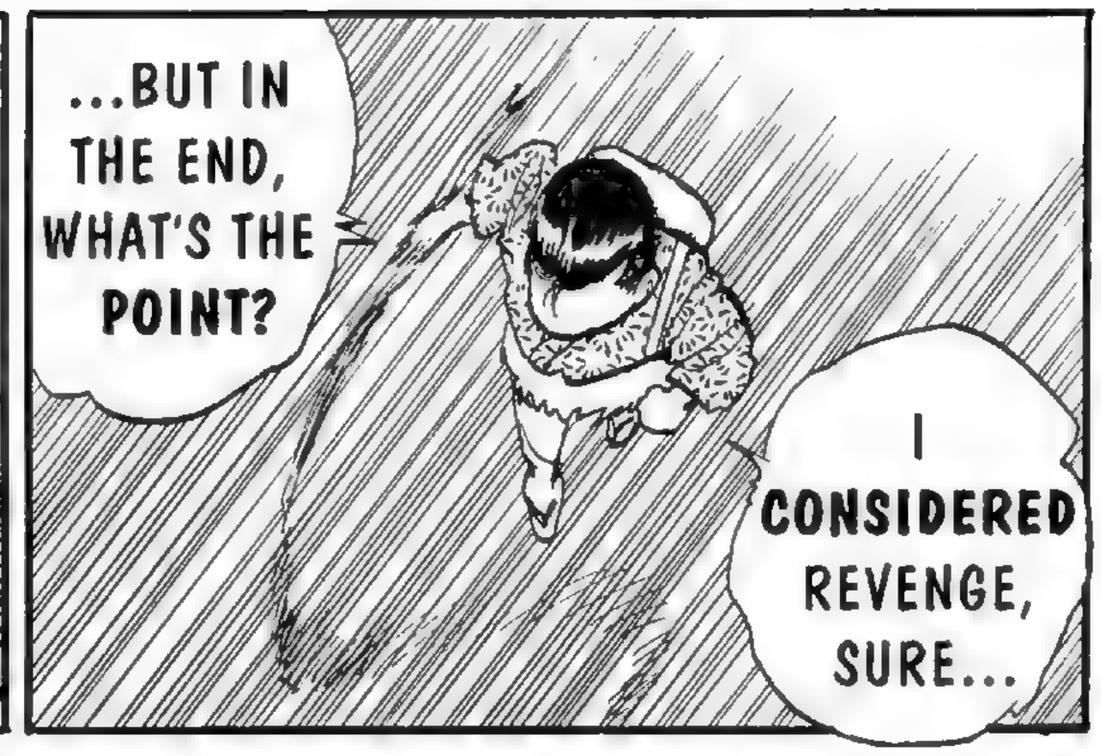

NO MORE VIOLENCE!
BAD GUY
JUSTICE
WE ARE THE SPAWN OF THE FESTERING GRUDGES OF FOLKTALE VILLAINS AND CHARACTERS THAT DID NOT ENJOY HAPPY ENDINGS.
THE HEROES SENT US TO OUR GRAVES WHILE EXTOLLING VIRTUE! WE AROSE TO TAKE REVENGE ON THEIR DESCENDANTS AND THE EQUALLY HYPOCRITICAL READERS!

NO! DON'T STOP!


I WAS GIVEN THE MAGIC BOX! WHY, IF I WAS NEVER SUPPOSED TO OPEN IT? DID I DESERVE THAT FATE AFTER SAVING THE TURTLE?
IT'S THAT RESENTMENT THAT'S CAUSED MY RETURN AS AN EVIL SPIRIT.


OUR TALES TEACH PEOPLE VALUABLE LESSONS...
...AND I CAN'T RESENT THAT!


...BUT IN THE END, WHAT'S THE POINT?
I CONSIDERED REVENGE, SURE...

.....

I'LL PLAY ALONG...
...BUT I'LL PASS ON DOING YOU IN.

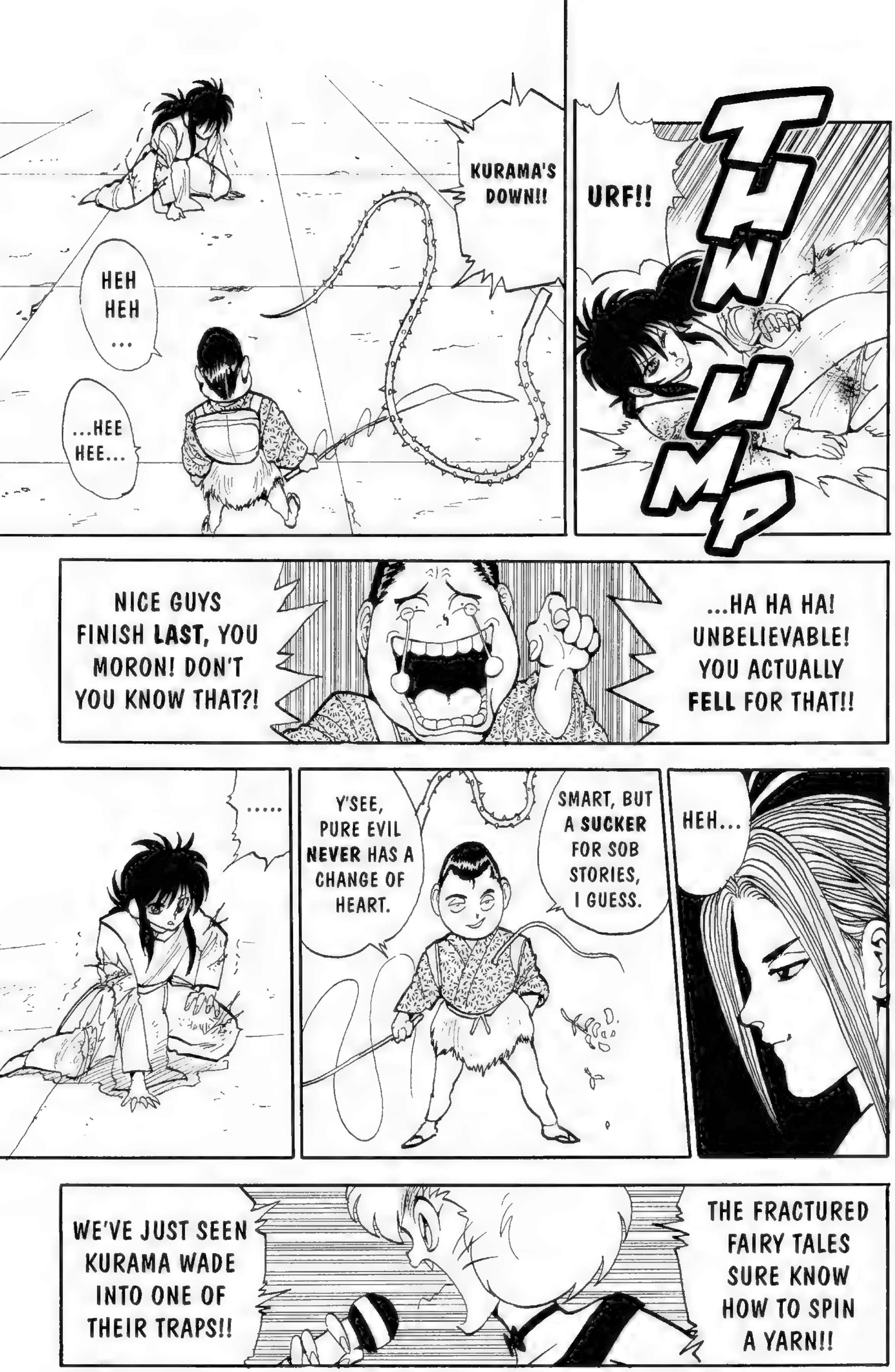
YOU ATTACK, I'LL TRIP...
...AND THAT'LL BE YOUR CUE TO DO ME IN.

YOU REALLY ARE NICE.
.....

I DID. SO CAN YOU!
FIND A NEW PURPOSE IN LIFE.

HERE GOES!
UNH!
WOBBLE
NOW!

!!
SLASH


KURAMA'S DOWN!!
HEH HEH ...
...HEE HEE...
URF!!
THUMP
NICE GUYS FINISH LAST, YOU MORON! DON'T YOU KNOW THAT?!
...HA HA HA! UNBELIEVABLE! YOU ACTUALLY FELL FOR THAT!!
.....
Y'SEE, PURE EVIL NEVER HAS A CHANGE OF HEART.
SMART, BUT A SUCKER FOR SOB STORIES, I GUESS.
HEH...
WE'VE JUST SEEN KURAMA WADE INTO ONE OF THEIR TRAPS!!
THE FRACTURED FAIRY TALES SURE KNOW HOW TO SPIN A YARN!!

THROB
UNH!
AND SERVES YOU RIGHT!
...YOU'D SEE WHAT I WAS UP TO.
AH...I WONDERED WHEN...
?!
RIP
BOOM
YOU'RE NOW PENNED IN BY MY FORCE FIELD.

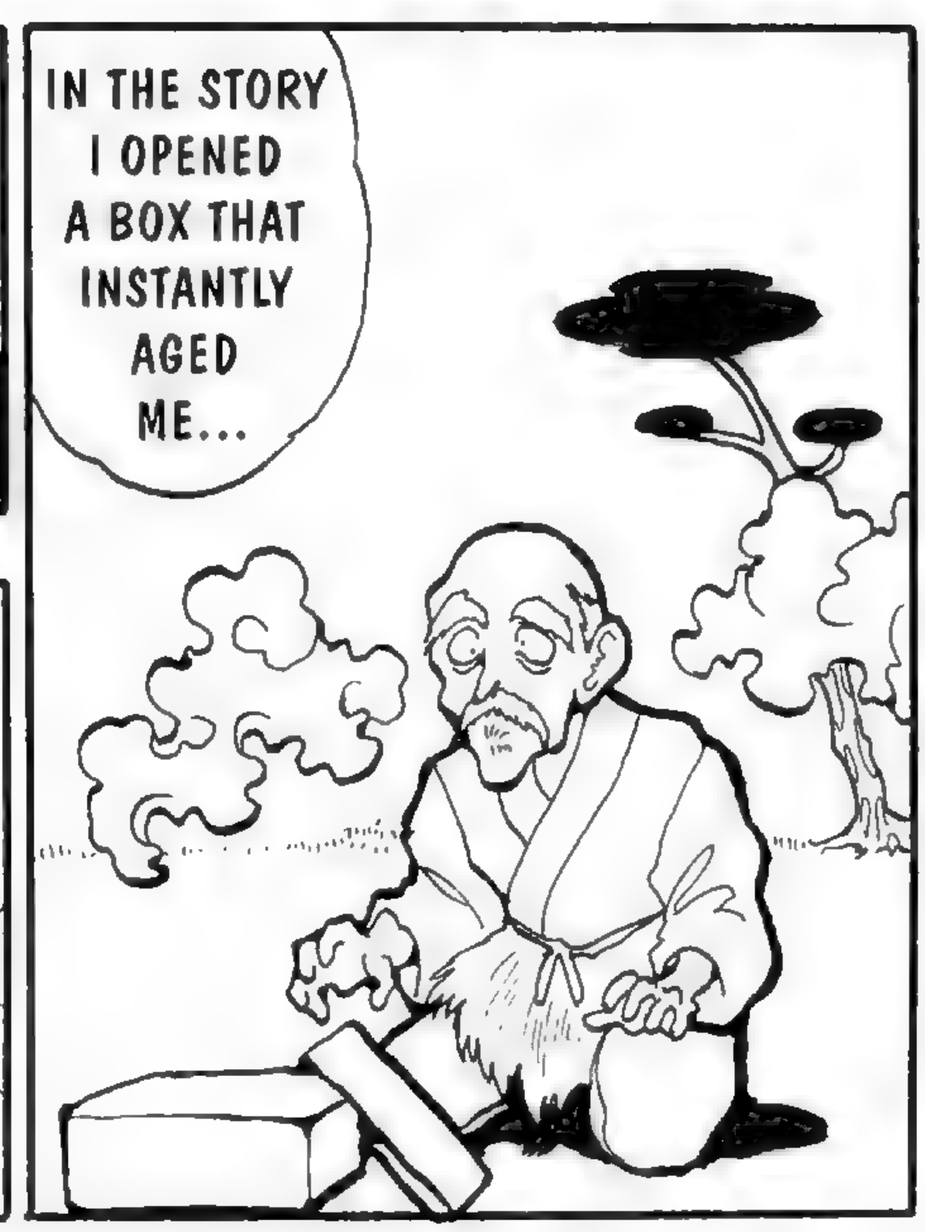
YOU CAN'T ESCAPE. NOW FOR THE...
WITH THE RIGHT TOOL, EVEN I CAN MAKE FORCE FIELDS LIKE LUKA'S.

I CAN JUST MAKE OUT A NEEDLE SECURING ONE OF THEM...
THE RING'S BEEN WEBBED IN BY SHIMMERING THREADS!

...REVERSE MAGIC BOX!

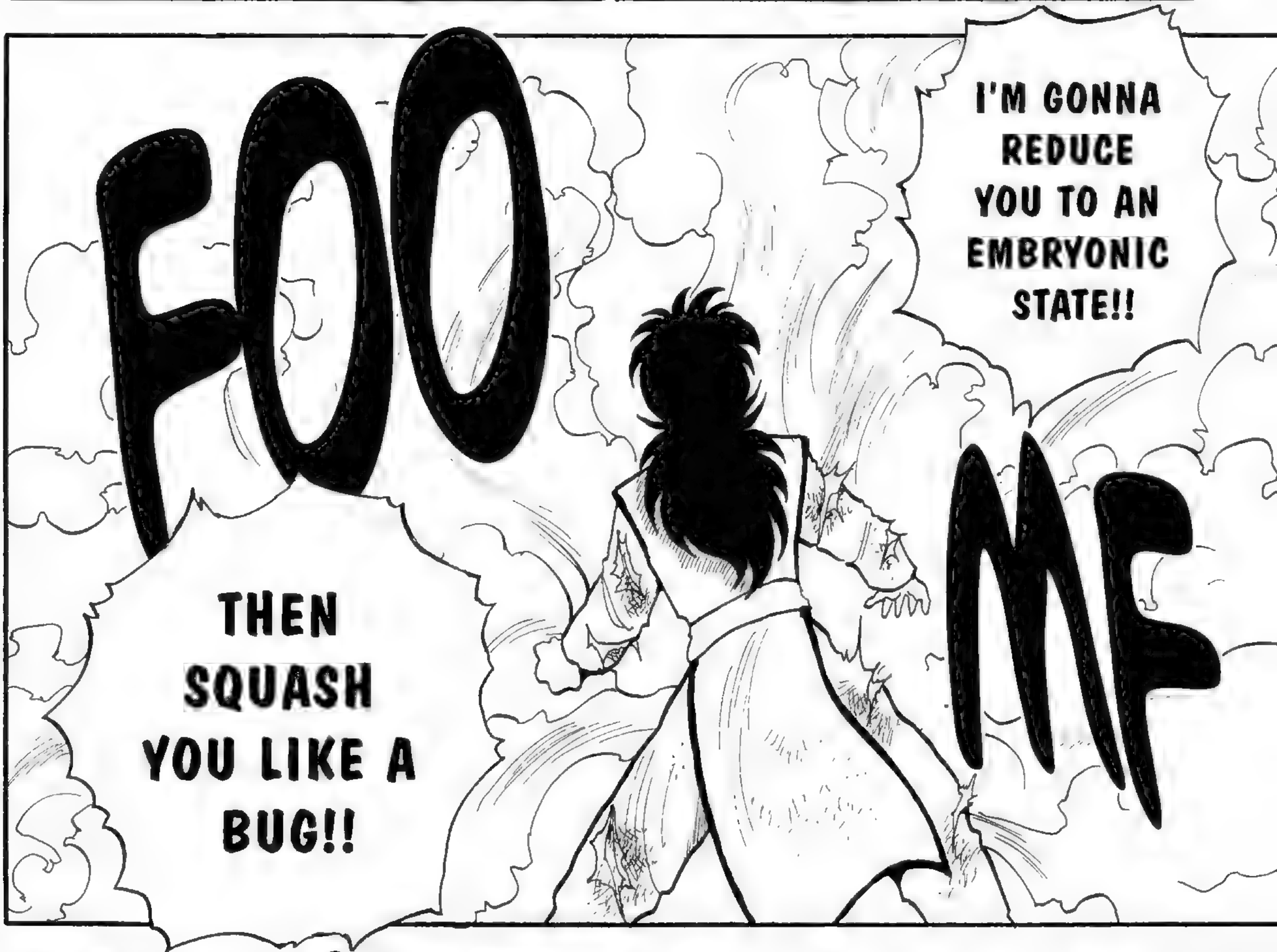
TO ANYONE BUT ME, THAT IS!
...BUT THIS BOX DOES THE OPPOSITE!

I HATE TALL, HANDSOME GUYS...
...AND THIS IS HOW I GET BACK AT 'EM!


IN THE STORY I OPENED A BOX THAT INSTANTLY AGED ME...

I KNEW ANOTHER KURAMA WHO WAS THE VERY PERSONIFICATION OF UTTER EVIL! YOU LIKE TO BE MISTAKEN FOR HIM OR SOMETHING?
BY THE WAY, WHAT'S WITH YOUR NAME?

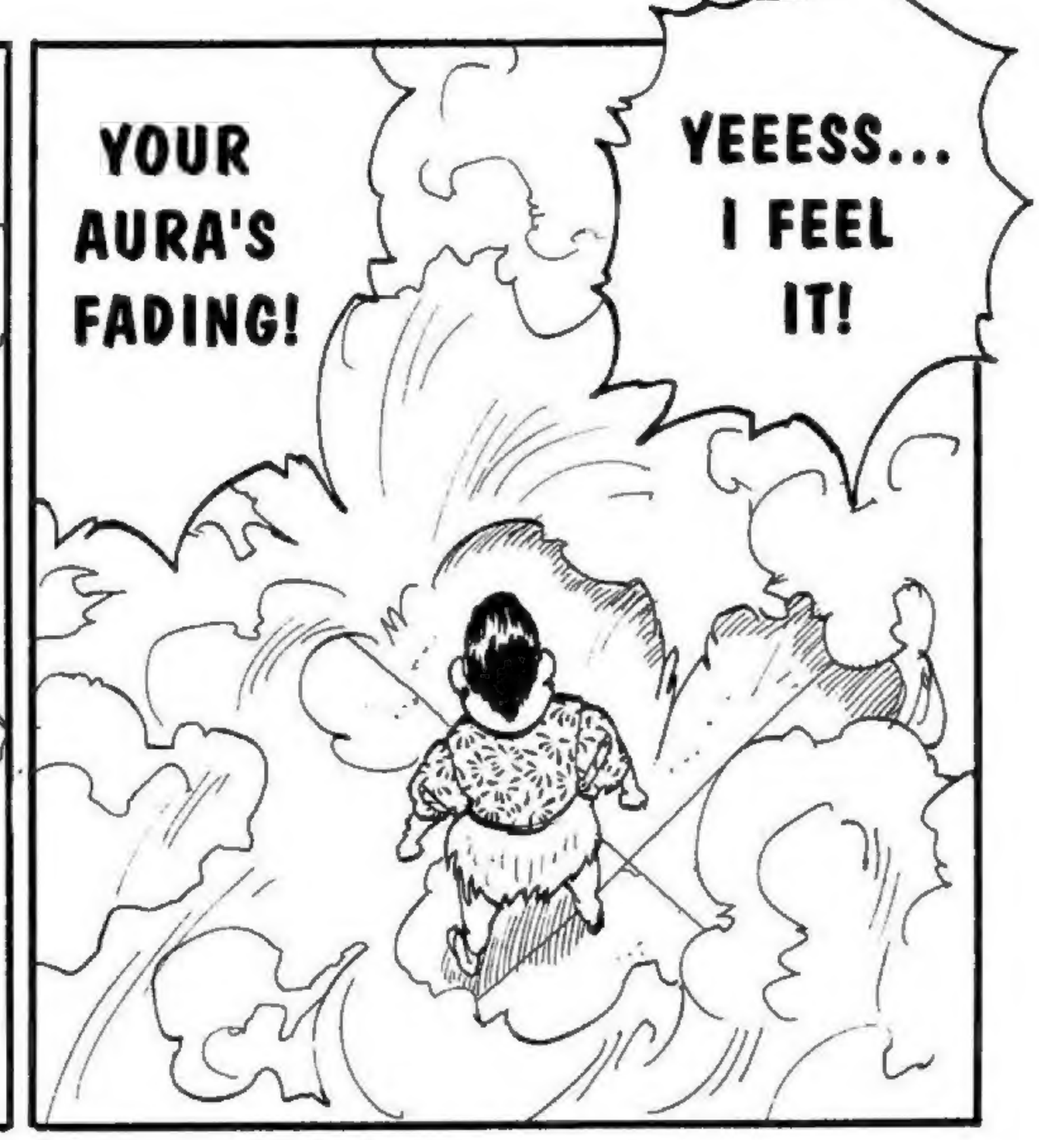
...WHICH ALWAYS PISSED ME OFF.
HEH HEH
YOU HAVE HIS GLARE...


I'M GONNA REDUCE YOU TO AN EMBRYONIC STATE!!
FOOM
THEN SQUASH YOU LIKE A BUG!!

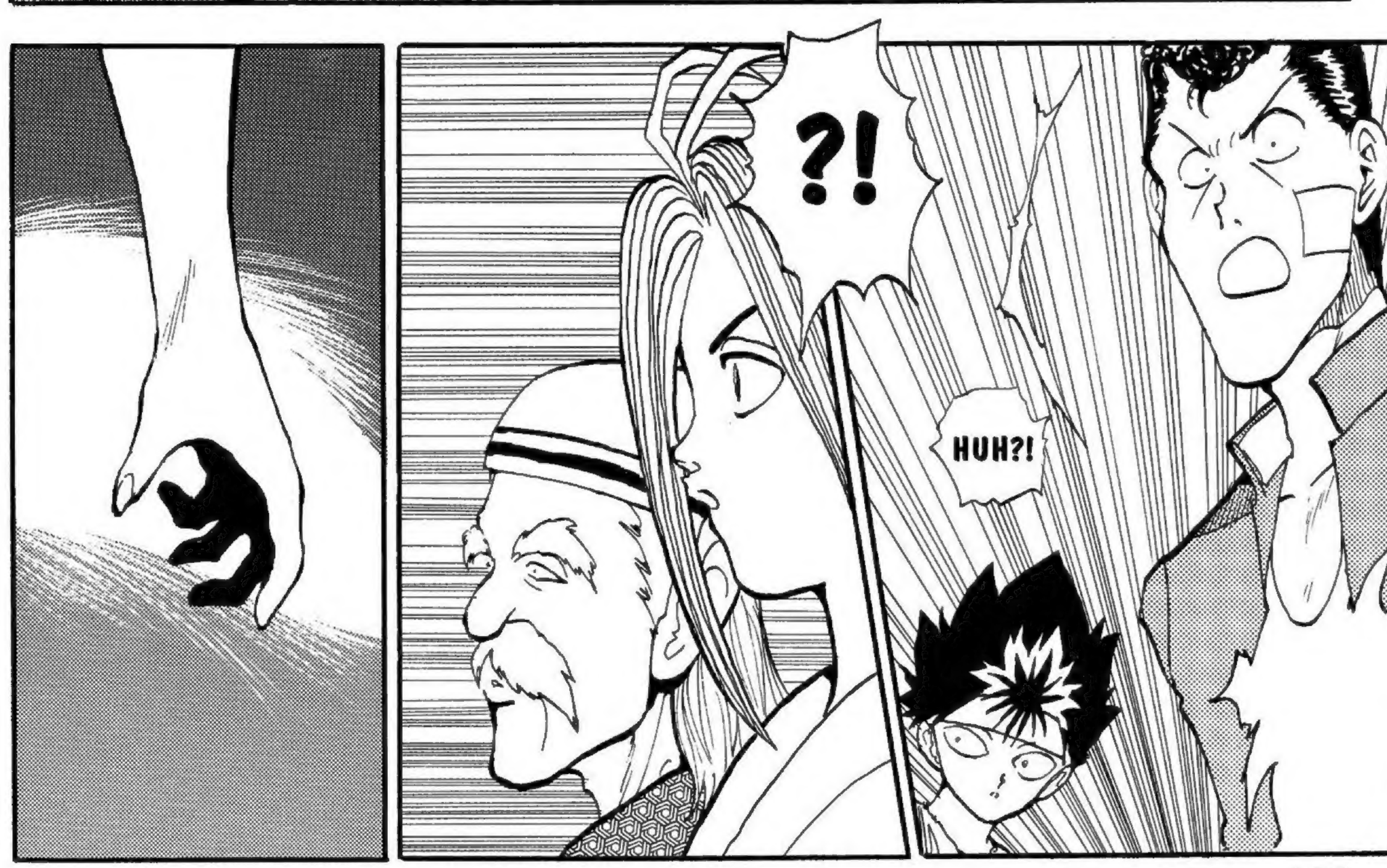
BA-W HOOG'H

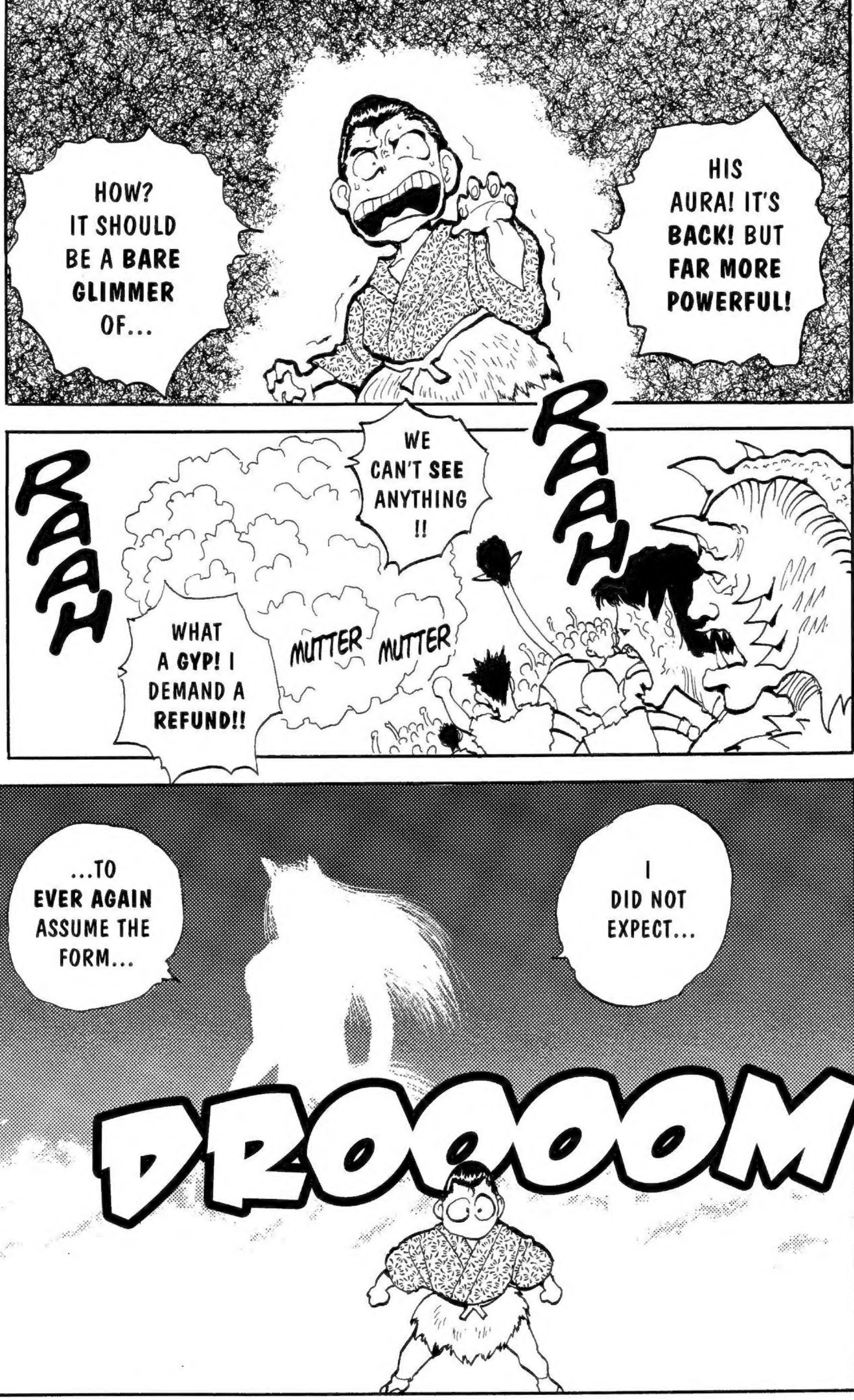
FWOOOM
KOFF...
IT'S BEING CONTAINED BY THE FORCE FIELD.
THAT SMOKE'S STAYING IN THE RING!

EH? DID I OVERDO IT?
HIS AURA'S COMPLETELY GONE! BUT...

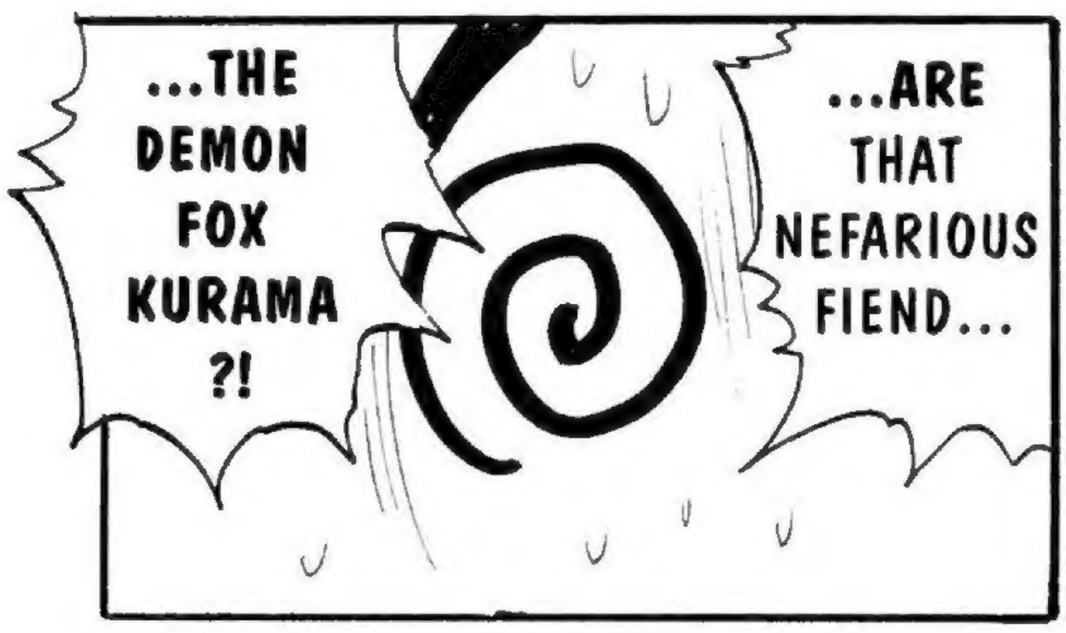

YOUR AURA'S FADING!
YEEESS... I FEEL IT!

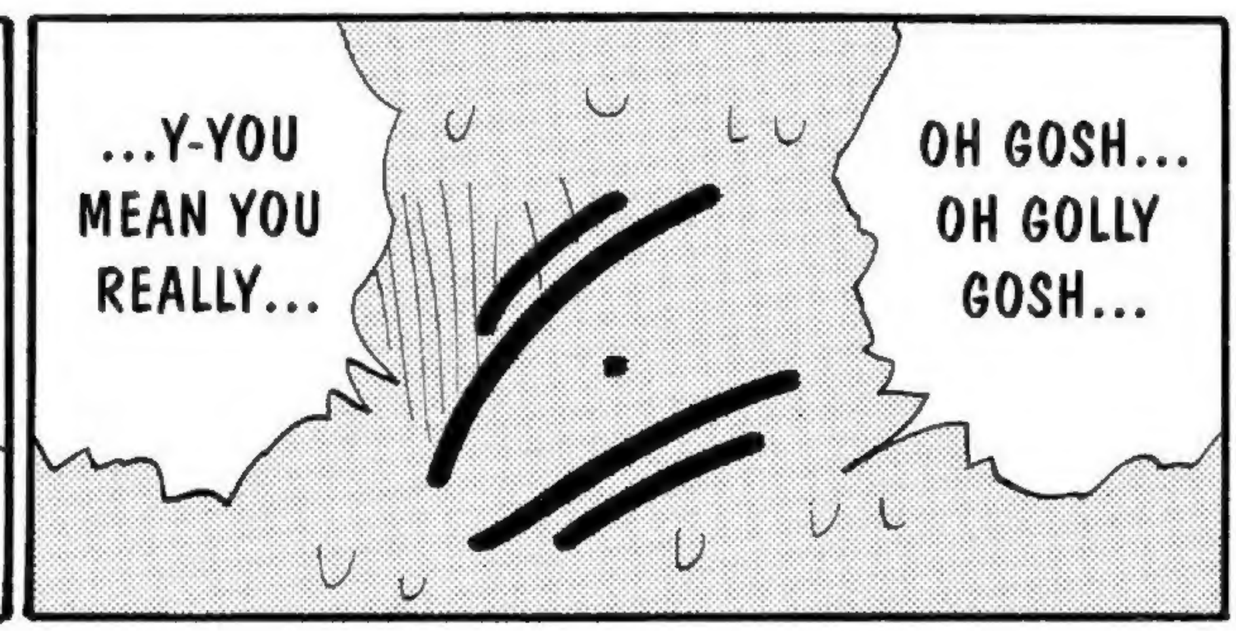
RR
RR

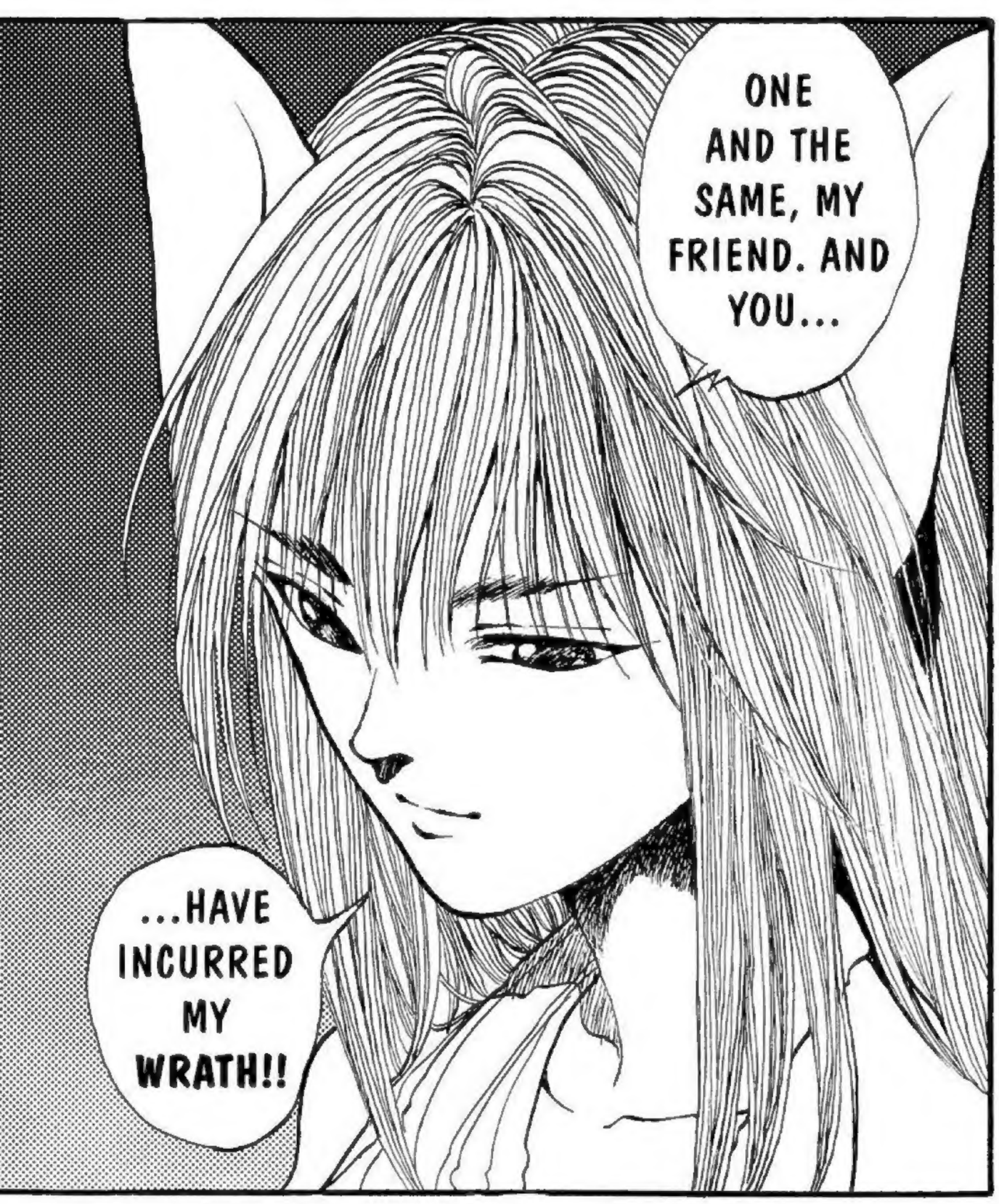

?!
HUH?!

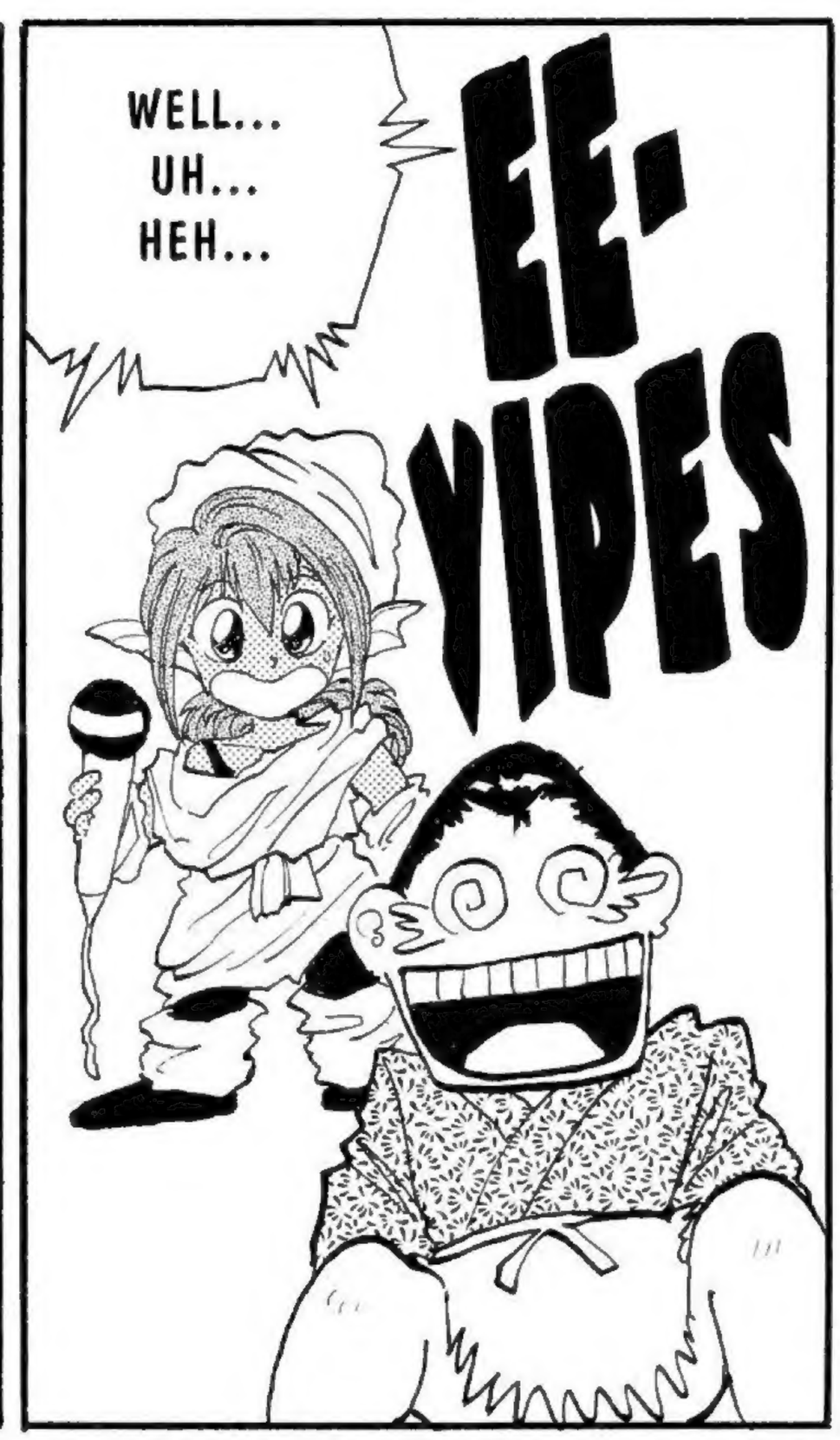

HOW? IT SHOULD BE A BARE GLIMMER OF...
HIS AURA! IT'S BACK! BUT FAR MORE POWERFUL!
RAAH
RAAH
WE CAN'T SEE ANYTHING !!
WHAT A GYP! I DEMAND A REFUND!!
MUTTER MUTTER
...TO EVER AGAIN ASSUME THE FORM...
I DID NOT EXPECT...
BROOOOM

...OF THE FOX DEMON!
WHEEOOO


...THE DEMON FOX KURAMA ?!
...ARE THAT NEFARIOUS FIEND...


...Y-YOU MEAN YOU REALLY...
OH GOSH... OH GOLLY GOSH...


ONE AND THE SAME, MY FRIEND. AND YOU...
...HAVE INCURRED MY WRATH!!


WELL... UH... HEH...
EE-YIPES